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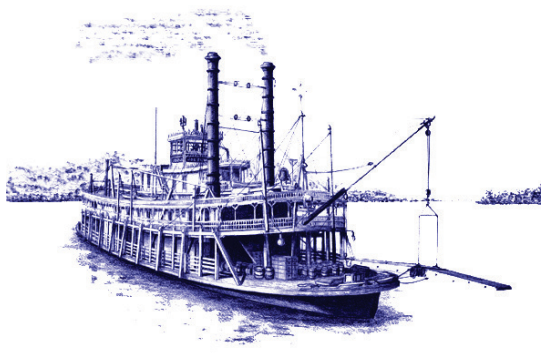

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Wallace announces retirement as chief

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison Police Chief John Wallace announced his retirement at Monday's Board of Public Works and Safety meeting after a career in law enforcement spanning 37 years, two months, 12 days.

John Wallace

"It's been an amazing ride. I can't tell you how fortunate I've been" to have served two terms as Jefferson County Sheriff and two different times as Madison's Police Chief.

"I would personally thank our Mayor, Bob Courtney, for affording me the opportunity to come back to the department which I began Oct. 19, 1986, and to finish my career here."

Wallace's retirement will be effective at the end of the year, coinciding with his wife, Patti, who is also retiring.

"I truly have been blessed and been fortunate to have worked with so many awesome people and awesome administrations," he said, especially citing appreciation to Courtney and his staff. "I've worked with a lot of fine people but I have never worked with finer people than I have these last four years."

He said the Mayor allowed the police department to grow by five officers, creating two new detective positions and 34 officers overall. "Our department has grown, not only in numbers but in professionalism and pride," said Wallace. "I believe the Madison Police Department's best days are ahead — a strong foundation has been established that can be built upon."

During Wallace's leadership, the city police department formed a crime suppression task force, reducing drug-related crime by 22%, created a traffic division and implemented Operation Predator Net to deal with crimes against children which he said has had a 100% conviction rate.

Wallace said there has been a "emphasis on training our officers to the best of their ability and our ability, and I believe that's going to pay off now and for years to come." In the last year, training hours increased to 3,141 compared to 1,961 hours last year.

"Wallace also oversaw creating a part-time officer program, improving evidence handling procedures and best operational practices, among many other things," said Mayor Bob Courtney. "Chief Wallace has worked tirelessly to make Madison a safer place for everyone."

Courtney said the "last four years have not only put us in a position where we wanted to be to make sure our community is as

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Temporary occupancy permit has new jail close to opening

Bob Demaree

County Sheriff Ben Flint (left) and County Commissioner Bobby Little check out the Control Center at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center. The $45 million jail includes 20- to 30-miles of wiring with 200 plus video cameras and 200 plus controlled doors in the 300-bed facility.

BY BOB DEMAREE

A temporary occupancy permit was granted last Monday to begin the move-in process for occupying the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center, moving the time closer to when the new jail will be open for operations.

There's still no definite date for when that will happen but with inspections last week by Madison Fire Department Division Chief/Fire Marshal Bill DeVries, Madison Township Fire Chief Robert Black and Bryan Shaw, the city of Madison's building inspector, expectations are that the permanent occupancy permit will be coming this week, according to both County Commissioner Bobby Little and County Sheriff Ben Flint.

Flint said County Sheriff's Department and the County Commissioners are "looking to have a community open house somewhere near the first of year with the date and time to be determined." He said the date is also undetermined for when inmates will be moved from the current jail to the new facility.

One of the finishing touches that remain is the Tek 84 body scanner that's due to be installed this week.

Flint called the jail a "state of the art facility" that will provide enhanced technology for

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Merry Madison

Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to spectators while riding in Saturday's Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade on Main Street in downtown Madison.

Laytin Evans (center), of Milton, Kentucky, pets a donkey during the Merry Madison Christmas Celebration around the Broadway Fountain on Saturday.

Frank Hayes waves to parade spectators. Hayes was grand marshal of Saturday's Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade.

Photos by Bob Demaree

Employees from Super ATV carry the parade banner and guide massive Christmas tree balloon bulbs during Saturday's Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade.

Children enjoy a train ride during Saturday's Merry Madison Christmas Celebration at Broadway Fountain park.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse provided some Christmas cheer during Saturday's Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade.

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Loans extended to proposed restaurant, Red Bicycle Hall

BY BOB DEMAREE

Two downtown Madison businesses received the support of the city of Madison's Revolving Loan Fund Committee at its meeting Thursday.

River Oak Chophouse, a new restaurant that's coming to 605 West Main Street at the former site of Bad Apple Mac's restaurant, asked to borrow $150,000 to be used on renovations and equipment.

Since the request is above the Revolving Loan Fund Committee's $75,000 threshold, the application could not be fully funded. However, the city's Economic and Redevelopment Department will take the request for the other $75,000 before Madison City Council to consider approval at its meeting on Tuesday. All three Revolving Loan Fund Committee members — Bill Hensler, Seth Pennington and Andy Ward — voted in favor of up to $75,000 for River Oak Chophouse.

Elizabeth and Troy Riley, who operate Crimson Oak Restaurant & Pub in North Vernon, will be making updates in the kitchen area as they work towards opening sometime next year.

The other request was from Red Bicycle Hall for up to $75,000 for lighting renovations, along with life safety and equipment upgrades. The request was made by Kevin Watkins and Charlies Rohlfing, who sought flexibility, noting they may not need that much. All three committee members also voted in favor of the Red Bicycle Hall application.

Emily McKinney, associate director of economic development for the city, said the loans are for a low market threshold of 6.5%, and are provided as economic development tools. Each loan has to meet terms that include the building as collateral, personally guaranteed, fully amortize and no penalty for early payoff.

BIRTHDAYS

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

DECEMBER 5
Sandy Freeman
Ashley Hafer

DECEMBER 6
Dan McCauley
Darrell Henderson

DECEMBER 7
Abby Waltz Suiter

DECEMBER 9
Denise Buxton

DECEMBER 11
Keith Howard
Kevin Watkins

LOTTERY

INDIANA

Hoosier Lotto: 6-14-18-19-33-36 (12/2). Next Estimated Jackpot: $44 million. Next Drawing (12/6).

Cash Five: 5-17-27-41-43 (12/3)

Cash 4 Life: 4-7-13-35-45 CB: 1 (12/3)

KENTUCKY

Cash Ball: 1-21-23-34 CB 8 (12/3)

Kentucky 5 Extra: 15-16-23-27-38 (12/3)

Lucky For Life: 11-15-28-36-40 LB: 11 (12/3)

MEGAMILLIONS: 12-47-49-52-65 MB: 12, MP x4 (12/1). Next Jackpot: $377 million. Next Drawing (12/5)

POWERBALL: 28-35-41-47-60 PB: 3, PP 2 (12/2). Next Estimated Jackpot: $412 million. Next Drawing (12/4)

POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 6-32-37-42-67 PB: 25 (12/2). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (12/4)

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Sunset: 5:21 p.m.
Temperature: High 48, Low 30, Mean 39.0, Deficit 0.1
Precipitation since last published: .22
Precipitation, November 2023: .54
Precipitation, December 2023: .22
Precipitation, 2023: 43.99
Barometer: 29.68, Falling
River Level at Clifty Creek: 421.96, Steady
Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly cloudy High 44/Low 31; Thursday: Sunny High 53/Low 42; Friday: Partly cloudy High 55/Low 50.

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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

November 30, 2023

Blake Brashear, 28, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, on a parole hold warrant. No bond.

Steven Todd Sebastian, 39, Austin, Indiana, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

December 1, 2023

Michael Sanchez Edmondson, 39, Louisville, for Dealing in Methamphetamine-10 or more grams, a Level 2 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine-10 to 28 grams, a Level 4 felony; Visiting a Common Nuisance-Controlled Substances, a Class B misdemeanor; and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. No bond.

Roger Dale Griffin, 51, Madison, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant (petition to revoke parole). Bond $5,000 cash.

Travis Lee Case, 30, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor; and on a Jefferson County parole warrant. No bond.

Gary Allen Horn, 44, no address, on Jefferson County arrest warrants. Bond $10,000 cash.

Ian Andersen Watkins, 29, New Albany, Indiana, on Jefferson County arrest warrants and Jefferson County bench warrants (felony operating while intoxicated-prior and operating while intoxicated-endangerment). Bond $5,000 cash.

December 2, 2023

Bonifacio Perez-Cruz, 22, no address, for Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor; and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, a Class B misdemeanor. No bond.

December 3, 2023

Jeremy Lee Owens, 36, Deputy, Indiana, to serve 2 days jail, concurrent, on a court-ordered sentencing. No bond.

December 4, 2023

Tyler Allen Frisque, 29, Madison, on Jefferson County arrest warrants. Bond $2,000 cash.

Karina L. Herrera, 35, on a Jefferson County arrest warrant. Bond $5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR & CIRCUIT COURT

SENTENCINGS

November 30, 2023

Ryan Eric Brown, 45, Madison, revocation of probation (resisting law enforcement). Sentenced to 365 days jail consecutive to previous 4-year sentence at Indiana Department of Correction (possession of methamphetamine, Level 6 felony).

Brandi Renee Cuneo, 35, Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to an amended charge of Obstruction of Justice, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 718 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 104 days served consecutive to 278 days with credit for 139 days served on a Dearborn County, Indiana, conviction for residential entry break and enter.

Daniel Curtis Durocher, 35, Madison, for Aggravated Battery-Substantial Risk of Death, a Level 3 felony. Sentenced to 10 years at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 143 days served and 9 years, 222 days suspended for supervised probation with first 2 years to be served on monitored home detention plus $489 in fees and court costs.

December 1, 2023

Donald Brian Breeden, 55, Madison, to an amended charge of Intimidation, a Level 6 felony with judgment of conviction entered as a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 278 day jail, time served, plus $239 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

November 30, 2023

Christine M. Box to Patrick N. Box, 6159 South River Bottom Road, Hanover.

Sonja McDarment to Sonja McDarment (revocable trust) and Revocable Living Trust of Sonja McDarment, 1.23 acres at 1305 East 400 North, Madison.

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Theresa Baxter, Barbara McKay (estate) and Barbara J. McKay to Theresa Baxter, 407 East Fifth Street, Madison.

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Sonja McDarment to Sonja McDarment (revocable trust) and Revocable Living Trust of Sonja McDarment, 1.13 acres at 1305 East 400 North, Madison.

Fred Swinney and Diana Swinney to Frederick L. Swinny and Dianna L. Swinney Revocable Living Trust, Frederick L. Swinny and Dianna L. Swinney (revocable trusts), approximately 8.2 acres at 3961 Geyman Road, Madison.

Joshuaway Legacy LLC and Seth Tyler Hall, 3290 North Old State Road 62, Madison.

Ginger L. Naegele to Ruth Anne Minnie Sellers and Robert William Sellers, 225 Joes Lane, Hanover.

Stacy M. Bayne to Chester Nolan, 246 Montclair Street, Madison.

December 1, 2023

Vicki M. Rowlett to Dylan S. Kiewit and Tracey M. Davis, 1683 East Telegraph Hill Road, Madison.

Jennifer Sproles to Stephanie Nicole Nussbaum and Zachary Alan Nussbaum, 680 North Hereford Lane, Madison.

Brian E. Dodd to Gregory Roy Larzelere and Cynthia Lou Larzelere, 220 West Second Street, Madison.

Michael Jines, Pansy K. Jines (deceased) and George D. Jines (deceased) to Michael Jines, Dwain Jines, Brian Jines and Thomas Jines (beneficiaries), 9714 North State Road 7, Dupont.

Robert J. Pietrykowski, Patrick M. Pietrykowski, Sharon Peak and John Pietrykowski to Pietrykowski Farms LLC, approximately 15.8 acres at 200+ East Thornton Road, Madison.

Robert J. Pietrykowski, Patrick M. Pietrykowski, Sharon Peak and John Pietrykowski to Pietrykowski Farms LLC, approximately 280 acres at 1535 East Thornton Road, Madison.

Liter's of Indiana Inc. to Phillips Development Inc., 100 West Green Court, Hanover

UN weather agency says 2023 was the hottest year on record

BY JAMEY KEATEN AND BASSAM HATOUM
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The U.N. weather agency said last week that 2023 is all but certain to be the hottest year on record, and warning of worrying trends that suggest increasing floods, wildfires, glacier melt, and heat waves in the future.

The World Meteorological Organization also warned that the average temperature for the year is up some 1.4 degrees Celsius (2.5 degrees Fahrenheit) from pre-industrial times — a mere one-tenth of a degree under a target limit for the end of the century as laid out by the Paris climate accord in 2015.

The WMO secretary-general said the onset earlier this year of El Nino, the weather phenomenon marked by heating in the Pacific Ocean, could tip the average temperature next year over the 1.5-degree (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) target cap set in Paris.

"It's practically sure that during the coming four years we will hit this 1.5, at least on temporary basis," Petteri Taalas said in an interview. "And in the next decade we are more or less going to be there on a permanent basis."

WMO issued the findings for Thursday's start of the U.N.'s annual climate conference, this year being held in the oil-rich United Arab Emirates city of Dubai.

The U.N. agency said the benchmark of key Paris accord goal will be whether the 1.5-degree increase is sustained over a 30-year span — not just a single year — but others say the world needs more clarity on that.

"Clarity on breaching the Paris agreement guard rails will be crucial," said Richard Betts of Britain's Met Office, the lead author of a new paper on the issue with University of Exeter published in the journal Nature.

"Without an agreement on what actually will count as exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius, we risk distraction and confusion at precisely the time when action to avoid the worst effects of climate change becomes even more urgent," he added.

WMO's Taalas said that whatever the case, the world appears on course to blow well past that figure anyway.

"We are heading towards 2.5 to 3 degrees warming and that would mean that we would see massively more negative impacts of climate change," Taalas said, pointing to glacier loss and sea level rise over "the coming thousands of years."

The nine years 2015 to 2023 were the warmest on record, WMO said. Its findings for this year run through October, but it says the last two months are not likely to be enough to keep 2023 from being a record-hot year.

Still, there are "some signs of hope" — including a turn toward renewable energies and more electric cars, which help reduce the amount of carbon that is spewed into the atmosphere, trapping heat inside," Taalas said.

His message for attendee at the U.N climate conference, known as COP28?

"We have to reduce our consumption of coal, oil and natural gas dramatically to be able to limit the warming to the Paris limits," he said. "Luckily, things are happening. But still, we in the Western countries, in the rich countries, we are still consuming oil, a little bit less coal than in the past, and still natural gas."

"Reduction of fossil fuel consumption — that's the key to success."

Jury orders egg suppliers to pay $17.7M for price gouging in 2000s

BY ISABELLA VOLMERT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal jury in Illinois ordered $17.7 million in damages — an amount tripled to more than $53 million under federal law — to several food manufacturing companies who had sued major egg producers over a conspiracy to limit the egg supply in the U.S.

The jury ruled last week that the egg producers used various means to limit the domestic supply of eggs to increase the price of products during the 2000s. The time frame of the conspiracy was an issue throughout the case; jurors ultimately determined damages occurred between 2004 and 2008.

The damages verdict was reached Friday in the Northern District of Illinois. According to federal antitrust law, the damages are automatically tripled, bringing the total to over $53 million. Court documents on the verdict were not readily available Friday evening, but statements from the manufacturers' attorney and one of the egg producers confirmed a total of about $17.7 million.

"We are extremely grateful for the jury's service and findings," Brandon Fox, an attorney representing the food manufacturers, said in a statement. "This was an important case for many reasons, and the jury's award recognizes its significance."

Attorneys for the four egg suppliers named in the lawsuit did not immediately return phone messages on Friday. Court documents show the defendants have denied the claims.

The egg suppliers include the family company of its former Chair John Rust, who's running for the U.S. Senate in Indiana. In a written statement on the verdict, Rust said the jury's decision "will be appealed."

The jury found that the egg suppliers exported eggs abroad to reduce the overall supply in the domestic market, as well as limited the number of chickens through means including cage space, early slaughter and flock reduction, court documents say.

Jurors were specifically told not to consider more recent changes in egg pricing during their deliberations.

Food manufacturers joining as plaintiffs in the lawsuit against the egg producers are Kraft Foods Global, Inc., The Kellogg Company, General Mills, Inc. and Nestle USA, Inc. The jury found the egg suppliers who participated in the conspiracy were Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., United Egg Producers, Inc., United States Egg Marketers, Inc. and Rose Acre Farms, Inc., a southern Indiana-based company previously chaired by Rust.

OBITUARIES

Carolyn Ann 'Judy' Klopp Boles

Carolyn Ann "Judy" Klopp Boles, age 81, of Madison, Indiana and Philpot, Kentucky, entered this life on December 6, 1941, in Madison, Indiana at the family home on Second Street. She was the loving daughter of the late Ruthford Elias and Thelma Lyon Klopp.

Judy passed peacefully from this life in the early morning hours on Monday, November 20, 2023, at her home in Philpot, Kentucky.

Judy will be missed by her loving husband of 61 years, Shafe Boles of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Angela Boles Mahoney and her husband, Mike of Madison, IN; her loving sons, Dwight "Duke" Boles and his wife, Carrie of Philpot, KY; Dr. David Boles and his wife, Vicki of Philpot, KY; her beloved grandchildren, Austin (Carson), Beth, Kamden (Hannah), Kati (Jeremy), Rachel (Austin), Steven (Jesse), Faith, Brian, Brett, Cody (Sarah), Brooke, and Trey (Kelsey); her great grandchildren, Ted, Jack, Olive, Adeline, Daniel, and Bridgette; her sisters, Nell Gaye "Brownie" Rippe of Atlanta, GA, Kathleen Chambers of Madison, IN, Elyse "Weesie" Detmer and her husband, Wayne of Madison, IN; her sisters in law, Almajane Brooks of Amelia, OH, Christy Steinmetz and her husband, Joel of Amelia, OH; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Ruthford Elias Klopp; her mother, Thelma Lyon Klopp; her brothers and her sisters, Helen "Muffett" Klopp Lindsay, Edward E. "Bee" Klopp, Jean Hope Klopp Henry, Frank L. "Dicky" Klopp,Virginia "Gina" Klopp Bersch, Mary Faith "Fadie" Klopp Seaver, David C. "Deken" Klopp, and her father in law and mother in law, Allan and Myra Joan Boles.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 1, 2023 by Pastor Randy Crutchfield and Bro. Dan Corbin at the First Baptist Church, 416 Vine Street in downtown Madison, Indiana. Interment followed in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, near Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church with a scholarship in her name. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover or at the church. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Mrs. M. Jane Ward Judy

Mrs. M. Jane Ward Judy, age 72, of Madison, Indiana entered this life on December 30, 1950 in Speedway, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Morris and Betty Louise Webb Ward. Jane died on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at 10:05 p.m. at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Jane will be missed by her loving husband of 21 years, David Eldon Judy of Madison, IN; her loving daughter, Andra Kress Bladen and her husband Rusty of Madison; her step son, Jerrod David Judy of Robbins, TN; her step daughter, Ann Morton and her husband, Drew of Oxford, PA; her grandchildren, Jackson and Lydia; her sisters, Kay O'Farrell and her husband Ed of Attica, IN, Linda Ward of Avon, IN, Kelly Ward of Indianapolis, IN; her sister in law, Luanne Green and her husband, Lowell of East Enterprise, IN; her brother in law, Erroll Wayne Judy and his wife, Jill of Vevay, IN; several nieces, nephews and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Morris Ward, died June 15, 1990 and her mother, Betty Louise Webb Ward , died February 23, 2003; and her sister in law, Jeanne Judy Konkle.

Jane chose cremation with a celebration of life to be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Christopher Scott Abner, 52, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at University of Louisville Hospital in Louisville. Funeral service is 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, with interment at Bedford Cemetery there, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Bruce Campbell, 82, of Carrollton, KY, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023. Arrangements are pending at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Robert Phillip "Bobby" Graves, 84, of Wheatley, KY., died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, in Louisville. Funeral service is at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Inez M. Harker, 92, of Florence, IN, died Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. Arrangements are pending at Lytle Welty Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Madison, www.lytlewelty.com.

John Daniel Montano, 88, of Campbellsburg, KY, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2023, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville. Graveside services with military honors are at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Philippi Baptist Church Cemetery in Union, SC. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home, in Bedford, KY, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Mrs. Nancy Lynn (McKay) Wilson

Mrs. Nancy Lynn (McKay) Wilson, age 72, of Vevay, Indiana, entered this life on March 13, 1951 in Madison, Indiana. She was the loving daughter of the late Frederick "Fred" and Elizabeth (Potter) McKay.

Nancy passed away at 5:05 a.m., Saturday, December 2, 2023, at the Thornton Terrace Health Campus in Hanover, Indiana.

Nancy leaves behind to cherish her memory by her sons, Brian Browning and his wife, Kristy of East Enterprise, IN and Chad Browning and his wife, Nicole of Hanover, IN; her step-daughters, Stacey Penick and her husband, Trevis of Bennington, IN and April Mahoney and her husband, Brian of Lamb, IN; her grandchildren, Ciera (Daniel) Cartwright, Cassandra(Marc) Mikesell, Brandon (Erin Webb) Browning and Karissa Browning; her step-grandchildren, Meagan (Zack) Kilborn, Brad Wilson and Colton Penick; her great-grandson, Benny Mikesell; her step-great-grandchildren, Grace Cartwright, Braxton Mikesell, Braedon King, Braelon King, Addison King, Masen Kilborn, Zaiden Kilborn, Zoe Wilson and Mia Wilson; her sisters, Diane Sigmon and her husband, Jerry of Lamb, IN and Darla McAlister and her husband, John of Vevay, IN and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frederick "Fred" McKay, died January 22, 1996; her mother, Elizabeth (Potter) McKay, died December 7, 2022; her husband, Donald Alan "Donnie" Wilson, died August 18, 2021; her nephew, Dennis W. Sigmon, and her niece, Tycia Lynn Sigmon-Martin.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043.

Funeral services and Auxiliary Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 6, 2023, by Pastor Mike Barnes, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home, 208 Ferry Street, Vevay, Indiana 47043.

Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Union Baptist Church. Cards are available at the funeral home or online at www.haskelland morrison.com

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PROGRAMS

Energy Saving Workshop

Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana

931 Lanier Drive, Madison

A presentation on saving money and energy is open to the public at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Indiana, 931 Lanier Drive, Madison. The presentation, by Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager Lisa Huber, will provide information about tools and resources to control energy use and save money on energy bills.

ENTERTAINMENT

'A Madison Holiday Tradition'

Madison Performing Arts Foundation

Trinity United Methodist Church

At 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Madison Performing Arts Foundation presents the "A Madison Holiday Tradition" at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Louisville Brass ensemble, which includes brass faculty members from the University of Louisville. Free admission.

'A Perfect tree'

Bedford Christian Church

Bedford, Kentucky

The play, "A Perfect Tree," will be performed at Bedford Christian Church in Bedford, on Friday, Dec. 8, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. Admission is free, but donations to Hands of Christ Ministry will be accepted.

Lanier Mansion

Free First Responders

Free tours of the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site will be offered to first responders and their immediate family Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17, as way of showing gratitude. Tours will start daily at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the Visitor Center, 601 First St.

FUNDRAISERS

Annual Cookie Walk

North Madison United Methodist Church

2235 Allen Street, Madison

North Madison United Methodist Church will hold its annual Cookie Walk from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9. A $5 cash donation is recommended for a container of your choice cookies. The event is open to the public.

BOOK SALE

Madison-Jefferson County Public Library

420 West Main St, Madison

The Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Madison-Jefferson County Public Library, 420 West Main St., Madison

GATHERINGS

IKE Retirees Breakfast

Clifty Inn, Madison

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — 8 a.m.

The retirees of Indiana Kentucky Electric Corporation will meet for breakfast at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Clifty Inn in Clifty Falls State Park. All retirees and guests are welcome.

FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS

Salvation Army Food Bank

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

Noon to 1 p.m.

331 East Main St., Madison

A food giveaway at the red door on east side of building. Bring your own bags. For more information, call 812-265-2157.

House of Hope Food Pantry

100 East Second St., Madison

Tuesdays — 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Fridays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

A food giveaway and distribution at the Jefferson County House of Hope Food Pantry in downtown Madison. Please arrive at the pantry 15 minutes prior to closing to be served.

CLOTHING DISTRIBUTIONS

Jesus Clothes Closet

Trinity Methodist Church, Madison

Mondays — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Jesus Clothes Closet at Trinity Methodist Church, 412 W. Main St., will distribute free clothing for those in need each Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more info call 812-866-4843.

SENIOR EVENTS

Madison Senior Citizens Center

208 West Main Street

Senior Meals

Lifetime Resources will be providing congregate meals again at the Madison Senior Center starting in November on Tuesday and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is $6 and there will be a trial run on Oct 24.

Game Days

The Madison Senior Citizens Center hosts weekly card days and Bingo at the Senior Citizens Center in downtown Madison. The schedule includes Euchre on Mondays and Thursdays from noon until 10 games are completed and Bingo on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The games are free and open to senior citizens.

HANOVER SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Hanover Park Community Center

Exercising

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is offering free exercising at the Hanover Park Community Center on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Lunch

The Hanover Senior Citizens Program is serving lunch at noon on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Hanover Park Community Center. Cost is $5 and RSVP is required by calling 812-498-2894.

Photos by Bob Demaree

County Sheriff Ben Flint (left) and County Commissioner Bobby Little walk through the intake center at the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center where inmates will be booked and assigned a cell.

JAIL

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security and operations. It will also have a training room along with two classrooms for inmates that can be used for "church services, JCAP (Jail Chemical Addiction Programs), GED (General Educational Development) and more. We will have room to do so much more with the inmate to try to rehabilitate the inmate. So, they are less likely to re-offend or they're more employable."

The new facility, located at 1150 J.A. Berry Lane on Madison's hilltop and costing $45 million with beds for up to 300 inmates, has an estimated 20- to 30-miles of wiring with 200 plus cameras and 200 plus controlled doors and each door has three cables to it.

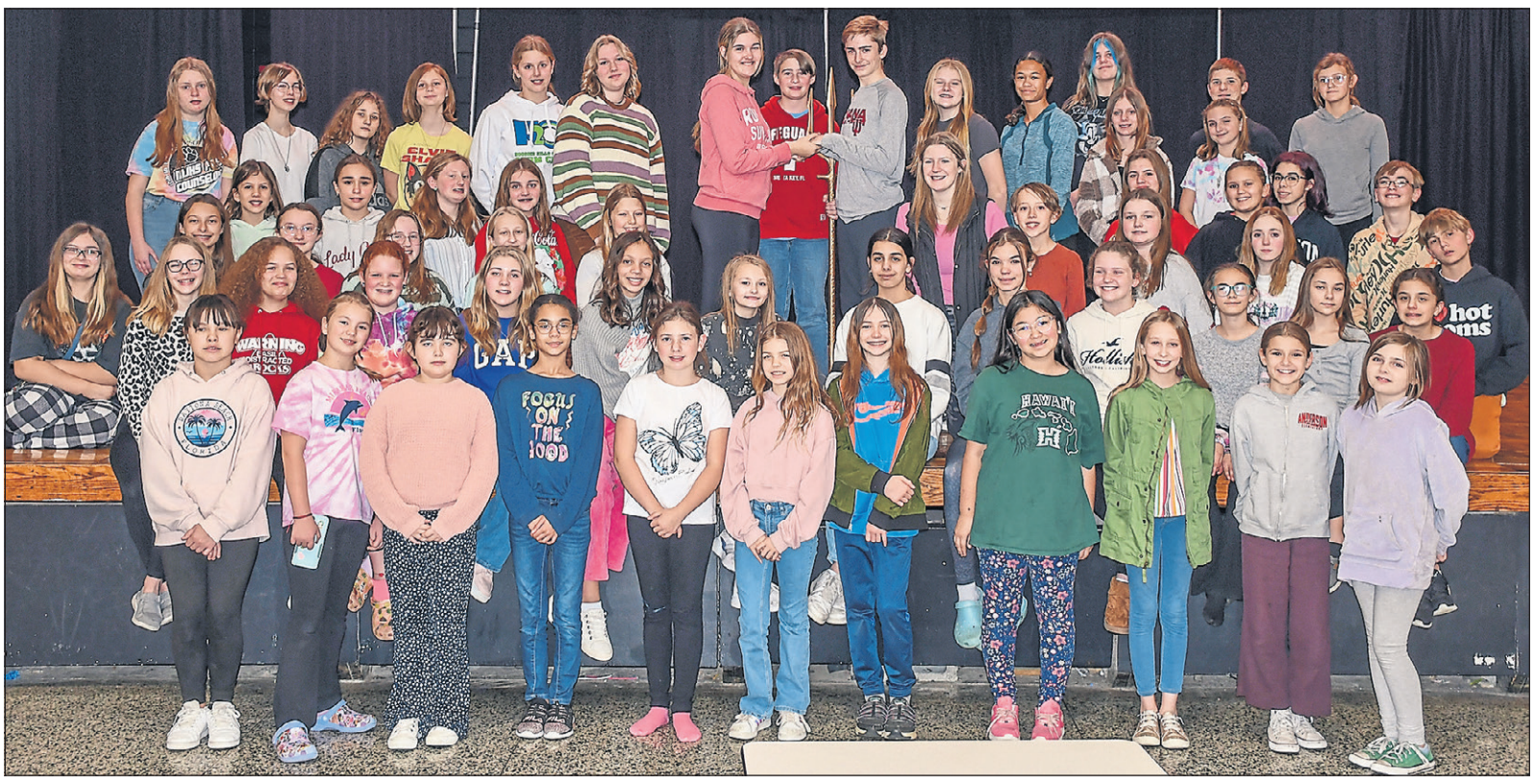
Little said the new jail "is long overdue." In addition to technological improvements, he said the new facility is "one level of efficiency" unlike the jail in downtown Madison that's on three levels. Flint noted that at the new facility, staff will be able see all the inmates, something not possible at the current jail. Also, the control center provides cameras covering various other locations throughout the facility.

Two levels of jail cells, bunks and tables stand ready for inmates in Cell Block A and its commons area at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center.

Little praised "the quality of the workmanship" in what was done with all the systems for the new facility. "It's like they cared about what they were doing."

MJHS to stage 'Little Mermaid Junior' this weekend

BY BOB DEMAREE



Photos by Bob Demaree

The 70-plus member cast of "Little Mermaid Junior" to be performed Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

More than 70 Madison Junior High School students will take the stage in this weekend's performances of "Little Mermaid Junior" at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

"This is one I've wanted to do for a long time," said director Lindsay Bullock, "and the kids got really excited when I mentioned it, so we chose it. Because the kids were excited I decided this was the one."

"Little Mermaid Junior" is a 60-minute adaptation of the musical. It's the story of the beautiful mermaid Ariel, the youngest of King Triton's daughters who wants to leave her ocean home to live on land. When she falls in love with a handsome human Prince Eric, Ariel is more determined than ever to gain a pair of legs.

The junior high musicals provide an opportunity for students to experience and learn about theatre, so even though there are auditions, "we don't cut anyone," said Bullock. Every student who comes out for each junior high production makes the cast.

She said it's a chance for students "to see if they like it. If you cut people, you don't give them the opportunity to see if it's for them," said Bullock. "It gives them that chance to decide and get excited. Some of those kids that maybe were super nervous at auditions end up doing awesome on stage for the shows. They really grow in the process."

Gabriel Pattison is an eighth grader who has never participated in a theatre production until this one, yet he has a lead role in his first-ever junior high musical.

Bullock said she had seen Pattison's potential in plays for her classes. With some convincing, he agreed to audition for the musical, and got the role of Prince Eric. "He did a great job." For being his first musical, Bullock said, "He seems very comfortable."

Two of Pattison's closest friends, Claire Miller and Tavian Bauer have been participating in Madison Junior High School theatre productions since fifth grade,. Now as eighth graders, they were also involved in convincing Pattison to giving it a try. "It's been better than I could have ever imagined," said Pattison.

Miller plays Ariel while Bauer plays King Triton. Other actors in the cast include Timmy Kempton, Pilot; Emily Foster, Grimsby; Harper Baker, Seahorse; Kamea Phelps, Sebastian; Maddie Guirguis, Aquata; Lily Wright, Andrina; Reagan Wynn, Arista; Kate Miller, Atina; Adaley Fox, Adella; Poppy Kelsey, Allana; Ellie Mahoney, Flounder; Hudson Chandler, Scuttle; and Ava Overfield, Ursula.

Others in the cast include Scout Porter as Flotsam, Ruthie Whitaker as Jetsam, Marlee Thompson as Carlotta, Traejen Asher as Chef Louis, Serenity Jackson as Harp, Jewell Blaylock as Bass, Peter Slade as Sax, Alexis Patterson as Jellyfish, Logan Dunn at Newt, Isabella Hendren as Carp, Kira Coleman as Plaice, Kolton Brittain as Chub and Ellie Shipman at Fluke.

Gulls are played by Lydia Horvath, Molly Magrath and Annie Harsin. Tentacles are Madilyn Black, Ella Guirguis, Alivia Hay, Lilian Hay, Katherine Katerberg, Lina Lichlyter, Lillian Ross-Hernandez and Addison Stewart. Chefs are Bailey Dickerson, Ava Cleary, Avery Wilber, Jace Earl, Aurora Herzner, River Porter, Esme Reece and Paige Pupucci. Princesses are Jewell Blaylock, Jessica Luellen, Ellie Shipman, Elly Meacham, Lilly Dattilo and Addison Todd-Humes. Sea Chorus includes Harper Baker, Maci Clark, Kira Coleman, Logan Dunn, Aurora Herzner, Isabella Hendren, Aubrey Higgins, Serenity Jackson, Ari Jones, Paige Papucci, Alexis Patterson, Peter Slade, Grace Stillwell and Kynlee Webster. Others are Aliza Mehl, Ammarie Olmsted, Teagan Thacker, Jesslynn Calhoun, Jordan Darbro, Sophia Garcia, Annie Harsin, Elise Hizey, Lillie McAlister and Marissa Tankersley.

Student assistants include Abby Everage and Claira Kempton. The technical team is made up of Adam Bullock, Tim Chandler, Ben Ratcliff, Laura Ratcliff and Tiffany Lichlyter. Choreography is by Zoe Bullock.

"These kids have worked really hard, and it's going to be amazing, and they're adorable, and (people) should come support them," said Lindsay Bullock.

The musical will have three performances: 7 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets cost $10 for adults and $7 for students at the door. Tickets also are available online at www.onthestage.tickets/madison-junior-high-school-creative-dramatics at $8 for adults and $5 for students.

Gabriel Pattison (seated left) as Prince Eric and Claire Miller (seated right) as Ariel are surrounded by cast members while rehearsing a scene last week for "Little Mermaid Junior" to be performed Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Claire Miller (left) as Ariel, Gabriel Pattison (right) as Prince Eric and Tavian Bauer (center) as King Triton, are the leads in "Little Mermaid Junior" to be performed Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

Crouch makes stop at Bethany Legacy Foundation

BY BOB DEMAREE

Dora Anim (far left), president and chief executive officer of the Bethany Legacy Foundation, talks with Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch (far right) while Heather Patterson, finance director for the Crouch campaign and Mary Beth Boone of Madison listen.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch was in Madison last weekend making her rounds in the city including a visit to the Bethany Legacy Foundation and riding in the Merry Madison Christmas Parade.

"When people ask me my top five places to go, Madison's always in the top five just because of the charm and the sense of community that's here. It's a special place," she said.

Most recently, Crouch participated in the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) grant that funded $500,000 for the rehabilitation of 601 West Street for a permanent location for Child Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana. A match of $288,778 was provide by the Bethany Legacy Foundation.

"It's going to change the lives of children and families," said Crouch. "Our children are our future and children don't ask to be brought into this world, they are brought into this world, we have to be sure as a community and state that they get the help that they need when they are subjected to environments and situations that are out of their control. We need to be there to help them and be there for them, and that's what the Child Advocacy Center does."

Crouch began her political career in Vanderburgh County, first as County Auditor and then as County Commissioner. "I'm just a believer that God puts us in places for reasons. All I ever wanted to do was local government. I got talked into being a state representative and I thought that's an opportunity to serve in a different capacity." In 2014 she was appointed to fill the position of State Auditor and then was elected to that position and then in 2016 became Lieutenant Governor when Eric Holcomb was elected Governor.

With service of Governors limited to two terms in Indiana, Holcomb cannot run again and Crouch is one five Republicans running for Governor in 2024. Others include U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, former Attorney General Curtis Hill, former Commerce Secretary Brad Chambers and businessman Eric Doden. Former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick is running as a Democrat.

Crouch said that as Governor she would be able to "draw upon my experience and my leadership to be able to deliver results for Hoosiers."

One of her priorities is to eliminate Indiana's income tax. She said people are struggling and by eliminating the income tax "we have the opportunity to put thousands of dollars back into their pockets every year."

She said there are some "who say it can't be done, but it can. It won't be easy. We have to phase it in" and there "need to be triggers to protect against economic downturn. But we can do it if we limit government's growth, if we end wasteful government spending and then we find efficiencies in government."

Crouch said having more money remain with taxpayers will allow Indiana's economy to grow, increase the state's revenues and make Indiana a no-income tax state, "where people will want to move here and businesses will want to locate here because today they are flocking to Tennessee, Texas and Florida which are no-income states. It is truly a way we can be transformational in Indiana. It's a way to make Indiana a state that we can grow our population and grow our workforce."

Crouch also emphasizes a commitment to investing in mental health, and says that can still be done even while eliminating the state income tax. She said there would need to be discretion on how funds are prioritized.

"When we pay down on pensions like we have done in the past, it frees up future revenue," she said. "I'm not talking about not letting government grow in spending, I'm just saying let's limit how much it grows."

Crouch said the cost of mental illness and addictions "is huge, and it's going to continue to grow." She cited statistics that show 20% increase in anxiety and depression since the COVID-19 pandemic and said in the last six months, one out of seven high school boys and one out of four high school girls have contemplated suicide with suicide being the third largest cause of death among young people. "It affects our families but it also affects our workforce because 60% of absenteeism is tied to mental illness or addiction," she said.

Crouch cited the IU Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health report in October that the economic burden of untreated mental illness in Indiana results in $4.2 billion spent annually. "We cannot afford to not address it" she said adding that mental illness and addiction is impacting productivity losses in the workforce, health care costs, incarceration, homeless shelter costs and care-giving.

"We need to continue to push forward and get help to those who are struggling," she said.

Carroll officials to pursue lease of mineral rights

BY TAYLOR WILLIAMS
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carroll County Fiscal Court has agreed to act on a proposal by Nugent Sand Company to advertise for bids for the county's mineral rights on the Ohio River.

The company had asked Fiscal Court on Nov. 14, to consider leasing the county's mineral rights — essentially the rights to dredge for sand and gravel from deposits in the Ohio River bed controlled by the county — which would involve advertising for bids for the rights and setting royalties on what is actually mined.

Ruth Baxter, attorney for Nugent, was back before Fiscal Court Tuesday along with Nugent President Tom Nugent, Vice President Joey Griesbeck, Vice President of Operations Damon Hughes, Director of Permitting Robert Holt and Operations Manager Clay Ferris.

"As you know, we appeared at the last fiscal court meeting asking the court to consider advertising for bids for a portion of the lands in the Ohio River bed that are under the county's control," Baxter said, noting the company was interested in bidding on a 10-year lease to dredge minerals with county options for two additional 5-year periods.

The lease would be open to bidding by any company interested in the mineral rights, but since Nugent is already engaged in mining in the county and just recently opened a new river terminal and barge loading facility between Carrollton and Milton, Nugent could stand to gain the most by bidding on the access.

Baxter said once a bid for the mineral rights was approved and a lease signed, other permitting processes would begin and include a mussel study as well as approval by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Division of Water, which would push the project well into next year and possibly 18 months before any actual dredging takes place.

District 1 Magistrate Benjie Long questioned the lease period and suggested the magistrates might be more open to a 5-year lease that would not extend as far beyond the terms of the current members of the court.

"I think we discussed five years would be significant for us because we really don't want to go outside of our term limits too much on the lease," Long noted.

Baxter said that the company could look at that option but that with permitting processes and the mussel study, a 10-year lease would give the company more time to see a return on its investment.

"You're talking about an expenditure of quite a bit of money through the permitting process, as well as the dredging equipment ... The mussel study has to be done and you're looking at early spring to do the mussel study," Baxter said.

Tony Crutcher, Carroll County's EMS/EMA director, informed the court that Westside Volunteer Fire Chief Nathaniel Carter had asked to be involved if the county moves forward with Nugent's plan. Carter wants to work with the company on its first responder plan related to the dredging and whether any additional equipment will needed to prepare for those contingencies.

Judge-Executive David Wilhoite agreed that would be a good idea so that the fire department is prepared to handle any emergencies since dredging will take place in its coverage area.

The court voted to advertise for bids on the county's mineral rights including a 10-year initial lease with options for up to two additional 5-year extensions.

In an interview later on Tuesday, Wilhoite said the county stands to collect at least $5,000 annually from the lease but anticipates the amount to be closer to $40,000 and that there would be royalty fees on both sand and gravel. He noted that Nugent already does some dredging in Carroll, Trimble and Oldham counties and employs about 140 workers overall including about 30 in Carroll and Trimble counties.

Wilhoite also noted that he hopes Nugent's expansion plans will boost the county's efforts to get significant upgrades approved for KY 36 — one of the most dangerous roads in the county — between Carrollton and Milton.

The narrow two-lane highway, which is used by thousands of vehicles daily including large trucks traveling to and from Nugent, has battled ongoing maintenance issues from sliding hillsides and areas undercut along the river. Wilhoite said the new river terminal developed by Nugent could bring even more traffic to KY 36 and that might finally justify the state investing in more significant highway repairs.

Trimble County to hire director to oversee parks

BY CINDY WARRICK
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Trimble County Fiscal Court has voted to hire a park director to oversee park activities and organizations, including scheduling, park use, park development and maintenance.

The decision came at the Court's November meeting after issues arising from some of the groups using the park necessitated the decision to create the county position. The job description is available at the Judge-Executive's office and the position is full-time with starting pay set at $35,568.

The new director will be involved in the development of the position and interactions with the various groups which may continue to use the park as the opportunities arise.

Cindy Warrick

Trimble County Magistrate Melissa Gibson Cornish, her nephew, Colt Gibson, and avid pickleball players Brian and Amanda Bell made use of the recently completed pickleball courts at the Trimble County Recreational Park. The courts are among several recent upgrades at the park that also include expanded walking trails, a wheelchair swing, lights and flagpole among others. The county now plans to hire a parks director to oversee operation of the facility on U.AS. 421 between Bedford and Milton.

Meanwhile, trail development at the park is continuing with boundaries being surveyed to assure trails are all within the park. A $50,000 trails grant has been received to develop the trail system. A long-awaited wheelchair swing has been installed and residents are making use of the new pickle-ball courts.

Judge-Executive John David Ogburn Jr. thanked those who had a part in the park's flag ceremony on Veterans' Day, noting that each magistrate has received positive comments on the flag at the park.

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safe as it can be, it is building upon all the other successes that we've had — economic development, tourism and unprecedented investment happening. It's also that catalyst for the future … to help us continue to achieve our community-wide goals."

Wallace told Courtney his administration set the precedent in everything that hopes to be achieved for the city "we can't have any of that until we first have public safety. It took that way of thinking to get us to where we are today."

Courtney said the selection process will begin to replace Wallace. Applications are now being accepted for the position of police chief until midnight on Dec. 17 at madison-in.gov/employment.

In other business:

• Nicole Schell, the city's director of planning, provided an update on two downtown properties that were recently impacted by fire. She said Madison Ironworks, 1108 West Main Street, is being demolished but that a shed portion that was not damaged may remain. Schell said a PACE application is being prepared for 308 Elm Street that will see the home "taken fully down and rebuild."

• Approved a PACE final award of $7,500 to Jacqueline Frazer for 606 West Third Street that included work on the porch, front door, tuck pointing and painting. Also, an extension was granted to Jim Pruett for 308 Jefferson Street until Nov. 21, 2024.

• Approved a disbursement of $211,985 to Brackney Inc. as part of the water infrastructure project.

Indiana remains found in 1982 are Wisconsin woman

RICHMOND, Ind. — Human remains found in rural Indiana in 1982 have been identified as those of a Wisconsin woman who was 20 when she vanished more than four decades ago, authorities said.

The remains are those of Connie Lorraine Christensen, who was from the Madison, Wisconsin-area community of Oregon, said Lauren Ogden, chief deputy coroner of the Wayne County Coroner's Office.

Hunters discovered Christensen's then-unidentified remains in December 1982 near Jacksonburg, a rural community about 60 miles east of Indianapolis, Ogden said. She had died from a gunshot wound and her homicide case remains unsolved.

Christensen was last seen in Nashville, Tennessee, in April 1982, when she was believed to have been three to four months pregnant, Ogden said. She had left her 1-year-old daughter with relatives while she was away and they reported her missing after she failed to return as planned to Wisconsin.

Christensen's remains were stored at the University of Indianapolis' forensic anthropology department when the coroner's office partnered with the DNA Doe Project, a nonprofit that works to identify cold case victims, to try to identify them.

After Indiana State Police's forensic laboratory extracted DNA from them, forensic genetic genealogy determined that they closely match the DNA of two of Christensen's relatives, Ogden said.

Coincidentally, at the same time that the identification efforts were underway, her family was working on creating an accurate family tree using ancestry and genealogy, Ogden said.

"Due to the fact that several of Connie's living relatives had uploaded their DNA to an ancestry website, the genealogists at the DNA Doe Project were able to provide our office with the name of a candidate much more quickly than we expected," she said.

Fast-track legislative maneuvers hinder public participation

BY BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Weeks before Kentucky lawmakers reconvene to debate policy, a nonpartisan group issued a report last week scrutinizing the procedures sometimes used to pass legislation.

The review conducted by the League of Women Voters of Kentucky found that lawmakers increasingly have relied on fast-track maneuvers to pass bills, which it says can give Kentuckians little or no time to offer input. The group urged lawmakers to slow down and give constituents more time to weigh in on legislation.

"Public review and comment on proposed legislation is what democracy in action looks like," Becky Jones, the group's first vice president, said at a news conference to unveil the findings.

The group pointed to procedural maneuvers it said have undermined citizen participation. And it offered recommendations to make sure people have more of a chance to speak up before measures are passed.

The report was based on a review of the processes used to pass bills in a sample of legislative sessions between 1998 and 2022, league officials said. It relied on the legislature's own records for bills.

The analysis showed that 25 years ago, fewer than 5% of bills that became law used one or more fast-track procedural maneuvers, the league said. That frequency started increasing rapidly in 2002, and by 2022 nearly one-third of the bills that passed the House and almost one-fourth of the bills passed by the Senate were fast-tracked in ways that made public participation more difficult, the league said.

"When fast-track maneuvers take place, the public is left to wonder: What is the rush?" Jones said. "Is there concern that legislation can't stand up to public scrutiny or comment before it's passed into law?"

Those tactics are used most frequently at the end of legislative sessions, when lawmakers are running out of time to get bills passed.

The league said it will present its report to members of the Republican-dominated legislature. Next year's 60-day session begins in early January. Crafting the state's next two-year budget will be the top priority, but other issues expected to get considerable attention will include education and public safety.

In its report, the league's recommendations for enhancing public participation in the process included:

• Allowing at least one full day between the last legislative committee action on a bill and a floor vote in the House or Senate on the measure.

• Holding the three bill readings on three separate days after a committee sends a bill to the House or Senate for a vote.

• Allowing at least one full day between a House-Senate conference committee's changes to a bill and when the House or Senate vote on the revised bill.

Some of the most contentious bills in recent years were sped through the legislature, including a 2018 pension overhaul that ultimately was struck down and this year's bill dealing with health care for transgender minors.

On Wednesday, league member Verna Cahoon recalled her own experience dealing with fast-tracked legislation. She said she was scheduled to testify about a bill before a committee in 2022, but a substitute version was offered before she had a chance to review it. Then her allotted time to discuss the issue in committee was reduced from five minutes to one minute, she said.

"Abrupt changes in the content of a bill and further restricting citizens' allotted presentation time gives the impression that citizens' viewpoints do not matter," Cahoon said at the news conference.

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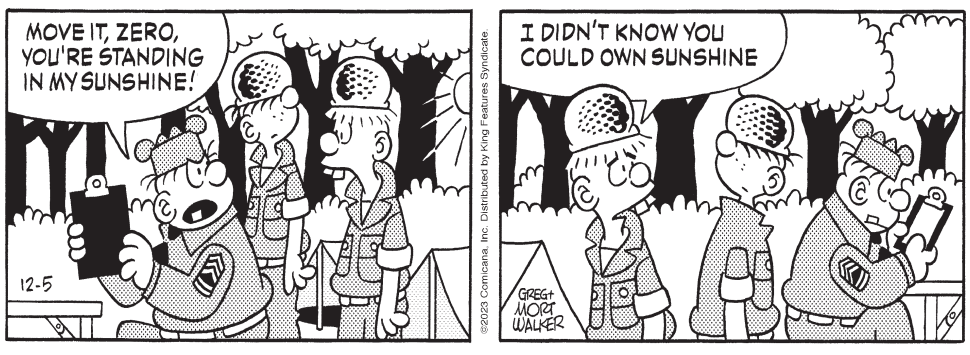
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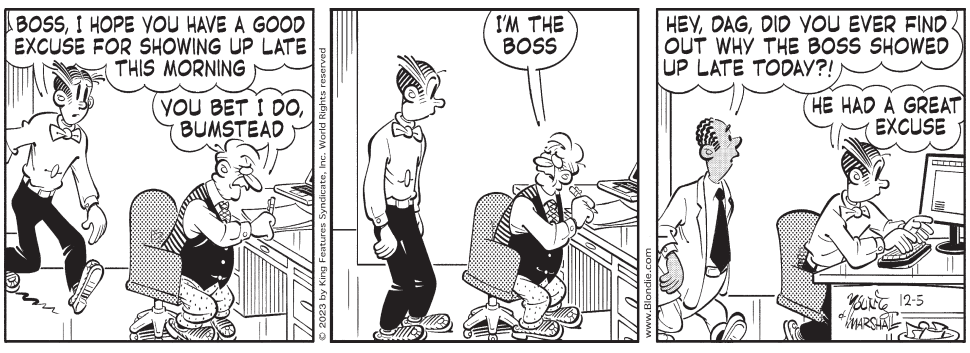
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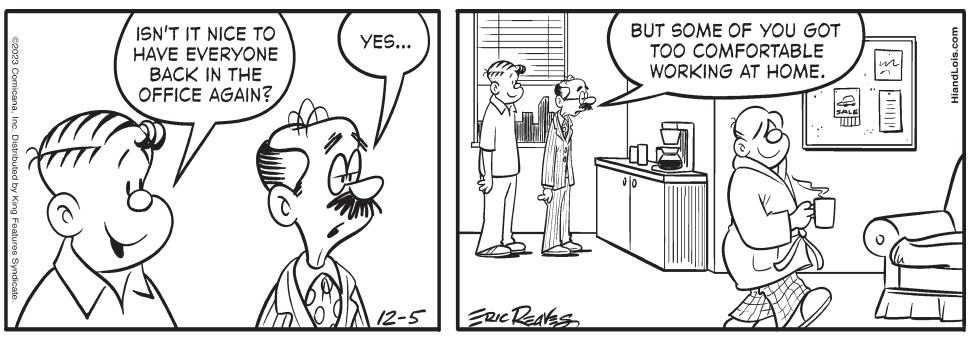
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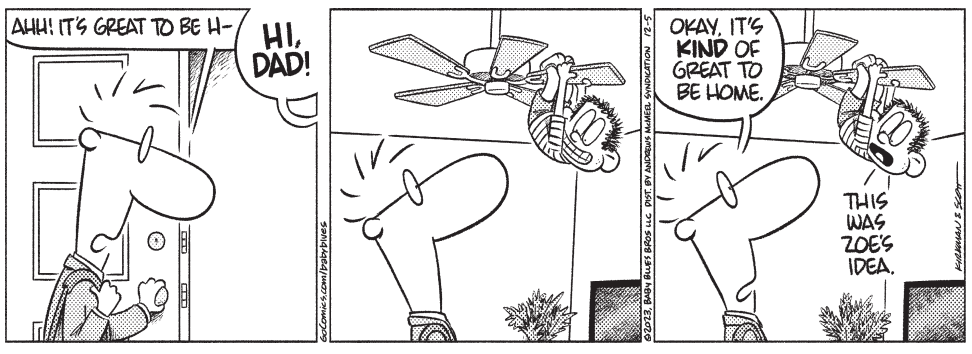
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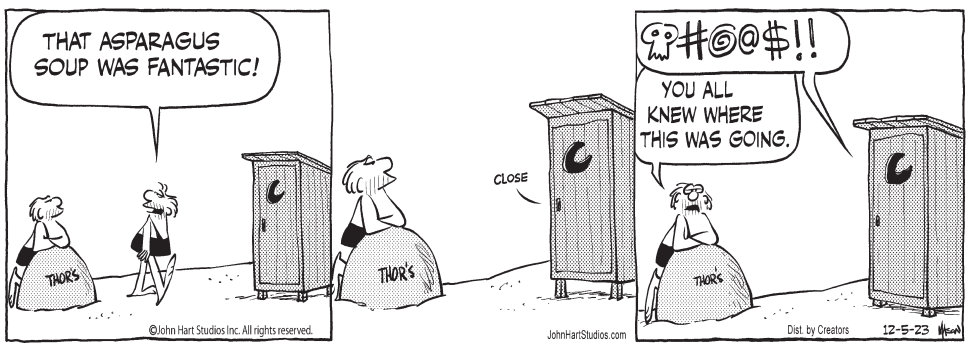

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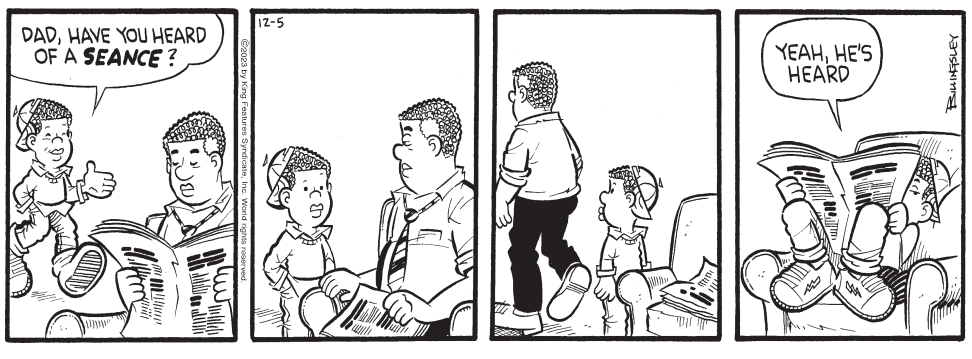

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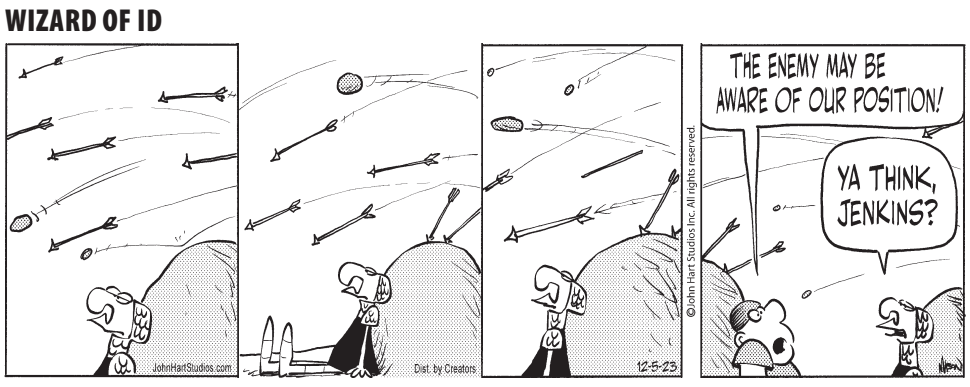

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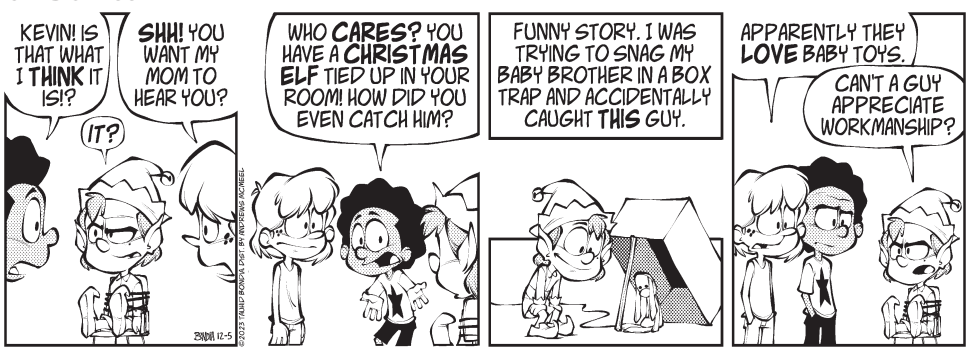
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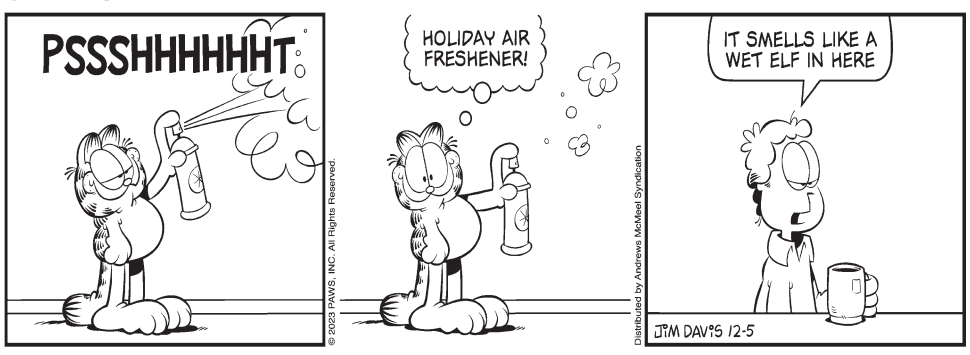
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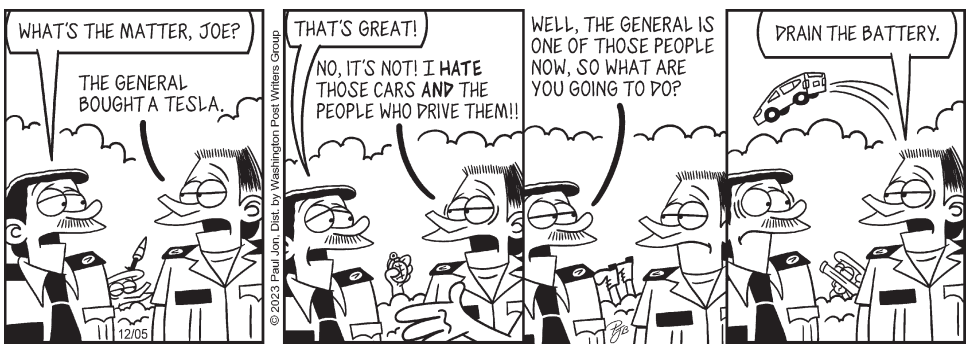
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YOU GOT EARL FURNACE FILTERS FOR CHRISTMAS?
UH-HUH.
ISN'T THAT KIND OF AN IMPERSONAL CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR YOUR HUSBAND?
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I GAVE HIM A VERY PERSONAL GIFT A FEW YEARS AGO, AND HE DIDN'T SEEM TO LIKE IT THAT MUCH.
OH, YOU MEAN THE GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR THE COLONOSCOPY?
IMAGINE THAT.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 5, 2013, Nelson Mandela, the anti-apartheid leader who became South Africa's first Black president, died at age 95.

On this date:

In 1791, composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart died in Vienna, Austria, at age 35.

In 1792, George Washington was reelected president; John Adams was reelected vice president.

In 1848, President James K. Polk triggered the Gold Rush of '49 by confirming that gold had been discovered in California.

In 1932, German physicist Albert Einstein was granted a visa, making it possible for him to travel to the United States.

In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.

In 1952, the Great Smog of London descended on the British capital; the unusually thick fog, which contained toxic pollutants, lasted five days and was blamed for causing thousands of deaths.

In 1955, the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merged to form the AFL-CIO under its first president, George Meany.

In 1994, Republicans chose Newt Gingrich to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

In 2009, a jury in Perugia, Italy convicted American student Amanda Knox and her former Italian boyfriend, Raffaele Sollecito, of murdering Knox's British roommate, Meredith Kercher, and sentenced them to long prison terms. (After a series of back-and-forth rulings, Knox and Sollecito were definitively acquitted in 2015 by Italy's highest court.)

In 2012, Jazz composer and pianist Dave Brubeck died in Norwalk, Connecticut, a day before he would have turned 92.

In 2017, Democratic congressman John Conyers of Michigan resigned from Congress after a nearly 53-year career, becoming the first Capitol Hill politician to lose his job amid the sexual misconduct allegations sweeping through the nation's workplaces.

In 2018, former President George H.W. Bush was mourned at a memorial service at Washington National Cathedral attended by President Donald Trump and former Presidents Barack Obama, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter along with their spouses; former president George W. Bush was among the speakers.

In 2019, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that she had asked the relevant House committee chairs to begin drawing up articles of impeachment against President Donald Trump, saying his actions left them "no choice" but to act swiftly; in response. (Trump would be impeached by the House on charges of obstruction and abuse of power, but the Senate voted to acquit in the first of two Trump impeachment trials.)

In 2020, at a Georgia rally where he urged supporters to turn out for a pair of Republican Senate candidates in a January runoff election, President Donald Trump spread baseless allegations of misconduct in the November voting in Georgia and beyond.

In 2021, Bob Dole, who overcame disabling war wounds to become a Senate leader from Kansas, a Republican presidential candidate and then a symbol of his dwindling generation of World War II veterans, died at age 98.

In 2022, Moscow unleashed a massive missile barrage in Ukraine, striking homes and buildings and killing civilians just hours after the Kremlin claimed Ukrainian drones struck two air bases deep inside Russian territory.

Today's Birthdays: Author Calvin Trillin is 88. Actor Jeroen Krabbe is 79. Opera singer Jose Carreras is 77. Musician and singer Jim Messina is 76. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim Plunkett is 76. World Golf Hall of Famer Lanny Wadkins is 74. Actor Morgan Brittany is 72. Actor Brian Backer is 67. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Art Monk is 66. Country singer Ty England is 60. Rock singer-musician John Rzeznik (The Goo Goo Dolls) is 58. Country singer Gary Allan is 56. Comedian-actor Margaret Cho is 55. Writer-director Morgan J. Freeman is 54. Actor Alex Kapp Horner is 54. Actor Kali Rocha is 52. Rock musician Regina Zernay (Cowboy Mouth) is 51. Actor Paula Patton is 48. Actor Amy Acker is 47. Actor Nick Stahl is 44. Actor Adan Canto is 42. R&B singer Keri Hilson is 41. Actor Gabriel Luna is 41. Actor Frankie Muniz is 38. Actor Ross Bagley is 35. MLB outfielder Christian Yelich is 32.

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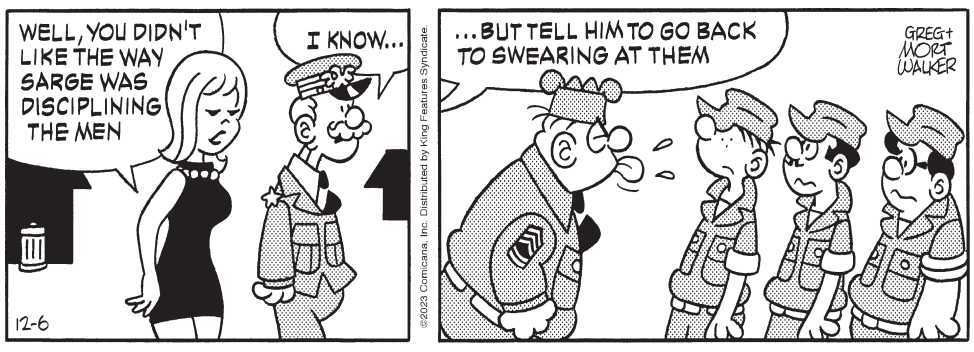
WELL, YOU DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY SARGE WAS DISCIPLINING THE MEN
I KNOW...
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...BUT TELL HIM TO GO BACK TO SWEARING AT THEM
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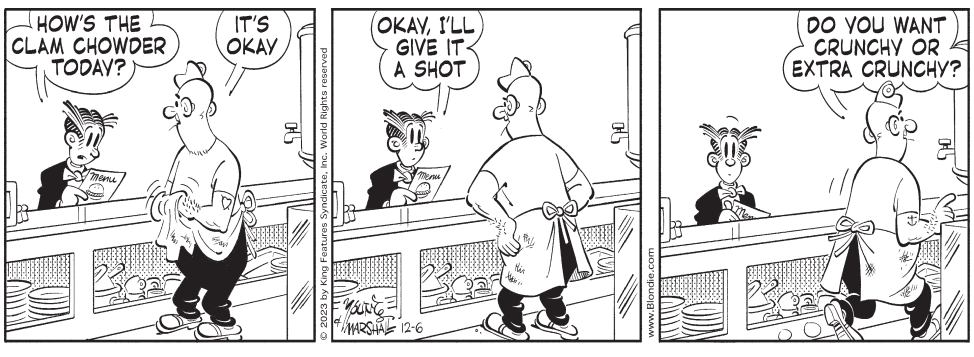
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IT'S OKAY
OKAY, I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT
DO YOU WANT CRUNCHY OR EXTRA CRUNCHY?
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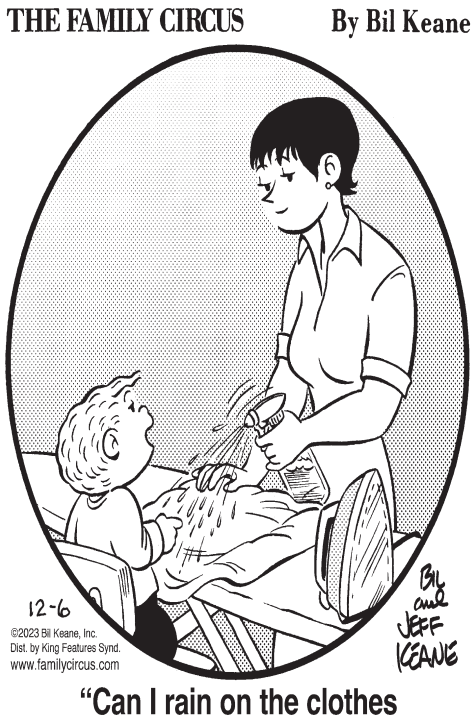

DENNIS THE MENACE

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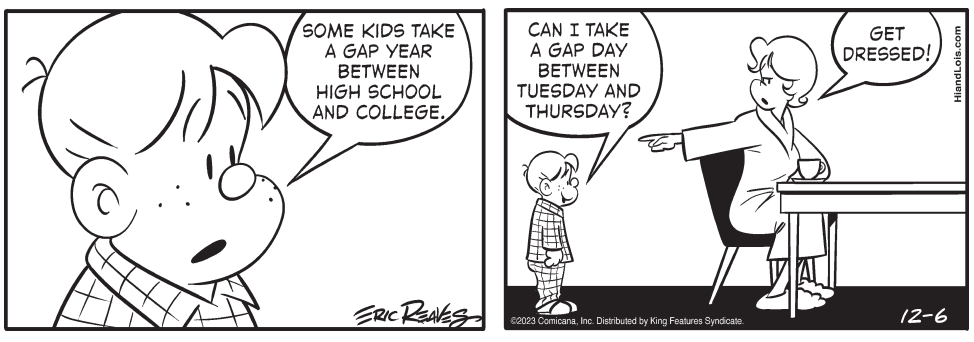
SOME KIDS TAKE A GAP YEAR BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.
ERIC REVES
CAN I TAKE A GAP DAY BETWEEN TUESDAY AND THURSDAY?
GET DRESSED!
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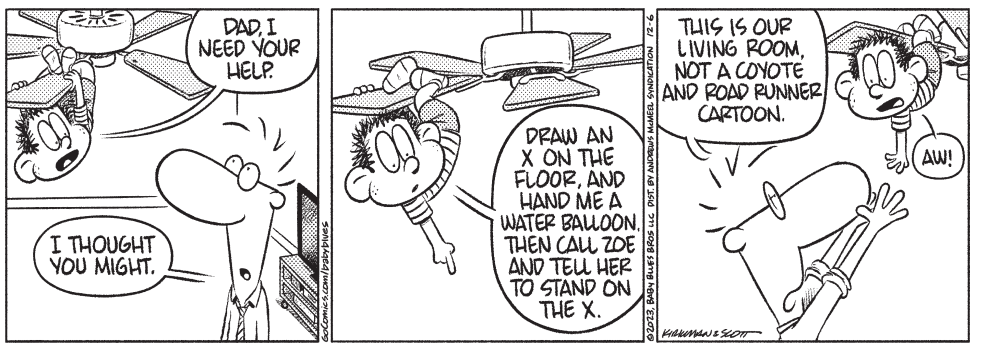
DAD, I NEED YOUR HELP.
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT.
DRAW AN X ON THE FLOOR, AND HAND ME A WATER BALLOON, THEN CALL ZOE AND TELL HER TO STAND ON THE X.
THIS IS OUR LIVING ROOM, NOT A COYOTE AND ROAD RUNNER CARTOON.
AW!
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CAN YOU TELL ME WHERE THE WATERING HOLE IS?
IT'S ABOUT 300 FEET THATAWAY.
SEE YA THERE!
HE'S WILDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR LIFE EXPECTANCY.
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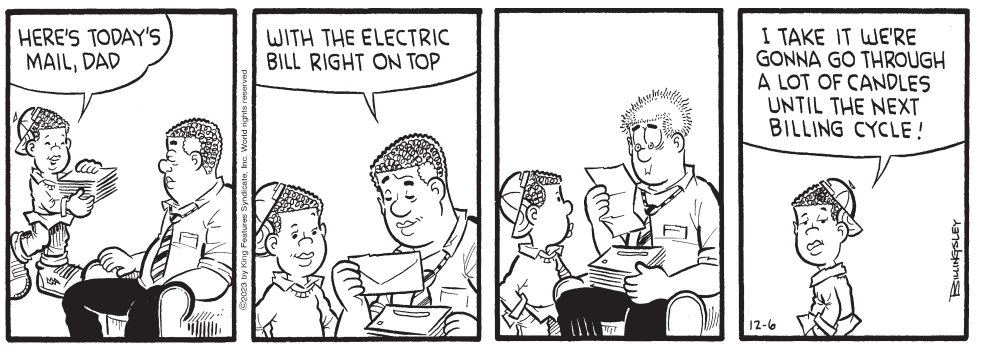
HERE'S TODAY'S MAIL, DAD
WITH THE ELECTRIC BILL RIGHT ON TOP
I TAKE IT WE'RE GONNA GO THROUGH A LOT OF CANDLES UNTIL THE NEXT BILLING CYCLE!
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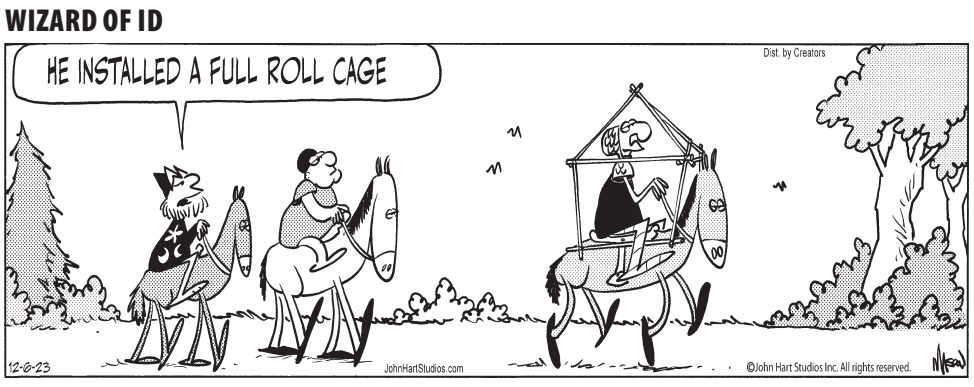

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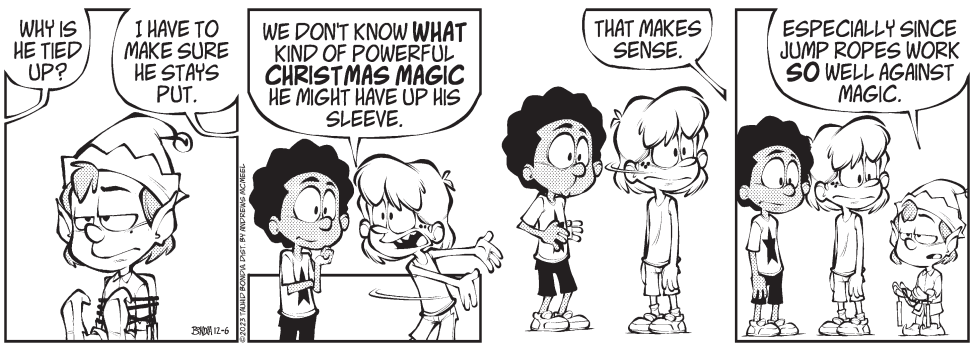
WHY IS HE TIED UP?
I HAVE TO MAKE SURE HE STAYS PUT.
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF POWERFUL CHRISTMAS MAGIC HE MIGHT HAVE UP HIS SLEEVE.
THAT MAKES SENSE.
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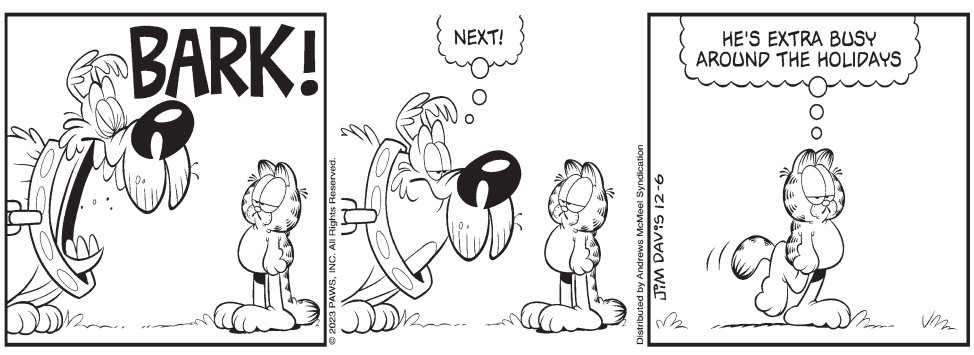

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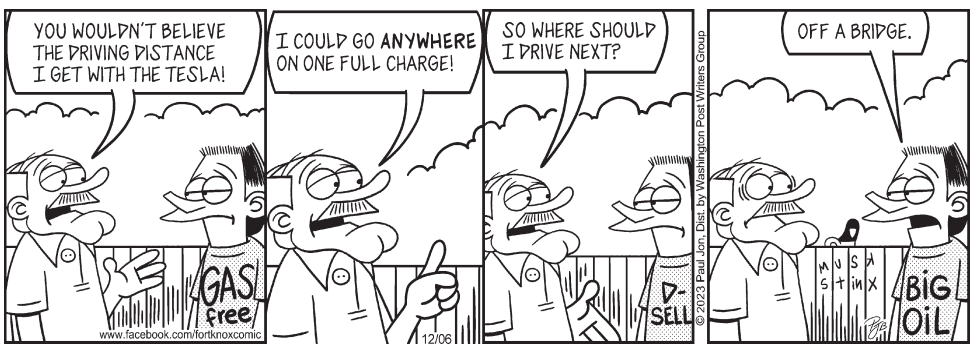
YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE DRIVING DISTANCE I GET WITH THE TESLA!
I COULD GO ANYWHERE ON ONE FULL CHARGE!
SO WHERE SHOULD I DRIVE NEXT?
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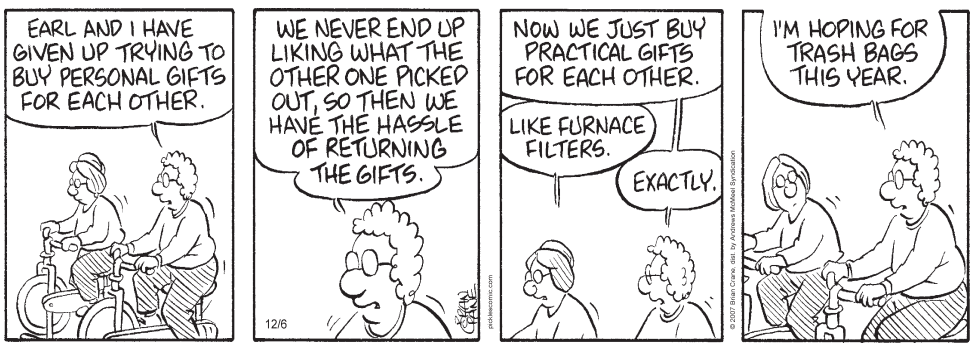
EARL AND I HAVE GIVEN UP TRYING TO BUY PERSONAL GIFTS FOR EACH OTHER.
WE NEVER END UP LIKING WHAT THE OTHER ONE PICKED OUT, SO THEN WE HAVE THE HASSLE OF RETURNING THE GIFTS.
NOW WE JUST BUY PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR EACH OTHER.
LIKE FURNACE FILTERS.
EXACTLY.
I'M HOPING FOR TRASH BAGS THIS YEAR.
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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 6, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was ratified as Georgia became the 27th state to endorse it.

On this date:

In 1790, Congress moved to Philadelphia from New York.

In 1907, the worst mining disaster in U.S. history occurred as 362 men and boys died in a coal mine explosion in Monongah, West Virginia.

In 1917, some 2,000 people were killed when an explosives-laden French cargo ship, the Mont Blanc, collided with the Norwegian vessel Imo at the harbor in Halifax, Nova Scotia, setting off a blast that devastated the Canadian city.

In 1922, the Anglo-Irish Treaty, which established the Irish Free State, came into force one year to the day after it was signed in London.

In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as Calvin Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.

In 1947, Everglades National Park in Florida was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman.

In 1957, America's first attempt at putting a satellite into orbit failed as Vanguard TV3 rose about four feet off a Cape Canaveral launch pad before crashing down and exploding.

In 1962, 37 coal miners were killed in an explosion at the Robena No. 3 Mine operated by U.S. Steel in Carmichaels, Pennsylvania.

In 1969, a free concert by The Rolling Stones at the Altamont Speedway in Alameda County, California, was marred by the deaths of four people, including one who was stabbed by a Hell's Angel.

In 1973, House minority leader Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as vice president, succeeding Spiro T. Agnew.

In 1989, 14 women were shot to death at the University of Montreal's school of engineering by a man who then took his own life.

In 1998, in Venezuela, former Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez, who had staged a bloody coup attempt against the government six years earlier, was elected president.

In 2017, President Donald Trump declared Jerusalem to be Israel's capital, defying warnings from the Palestinians and others around the world that he would be destroying hopes for Mideast peace.

In 2018, Kevin Hart announced that he had stepped down as Oscars host following an outcry over anti-gay tweets and comments he had made in the past.

In 2021, the Justice Department said it was ending its investigation into the 1955 lynching of the Black teenager Emmett Till, who was killed after witnesses said he whistled at a white woman in Mississippi.

In 2022, Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock defeated Republican challenger Herschel Walker in a Georgia runoff election that ensured Democrats an outright majority in the Senate for the rest of President Joe Biden's term.

Today's Birthdays: Comedy performer David Ossman is 87. Actor Patrick Bauchau is 85. Country singer Helen Cornelius is 82. Actor James Naughton is 78. Former Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is 78. R&B singer Frankie Beverly (Maze) is 77. Former Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., is 75. Actor JoBeth Williams is 75. Actor Tom Hulce is 70. Actor Wil Shriner is 70. Actor Kin Shriner is 70. Actor Miles Chapin is 69. Rock musician Rick Buckler (The Jam) is 68. Comedian Steven Wright is 68. Singer Tish Hinojosa is 68. Rock musician Peter Buck (R.E.M.) is 67. Rock musician David Lovering (Pixies) is 62. Actor Janine Turner is 61. Rock musician Ben Watt (Everything But The Girl) is 61. Writer-director Judd Apatow is 56. Rock musician Ulf "Buddha" Ekberg (Ace of Base) is 53. Writer-director Craig Brewer is 52. Actor Colleen Haskell is 47. Actor Lindsay Price is 47. Actor Ashley Madekwe is 42. Actor Nora Kirkpatrick is 39. Tennis player CoCo Vandeweghe is 32. NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo is 29.

Panel to urge county to build substance abuse center

BY BOB DEMAREE

A recommendation that the county build a residential substance abuse treatment center is expected to be made soon to the Jefferson County Commissioners.

After about two years of meetings and completion of a needs assessment, the county's residential treatment facility subcommittee has drafted recommendations that it hopes to soon adopt.

A draft of recommendations was presented at Thursday's meeting of the subcommittee with the top recommendation being to move forward with a residential treatment facility for both adult men and women.

Following release of a needs assessment by the Education Services Center of the University of Cincinnati, there had been a conclusion by Michael Hicks, court services community coordinator, that approximately 16 beds would be needed for a Jefferson County Residential Facility that would cost about $1.2 million for construction.

The draft recommendation listed a 16- to 18-bed facility, but there was consensus among the subcommittee members to not include an exact bed number in the recommendation, largely because of disagreement about what that number should be.

Commissioner Ron Lee, who started the subcommittee about two years ago along with Jim Courter, noted that a 24-bed facility would be more suitable and that "16 isn't enough."

"The needs assessment that the University of Cincinnati did was OK but it wasn't what I expected," Lee said. "When we think about deaths associated with overdose, you don't get an accurate count unless you go to really the main source" which is the funeral home. "A lot of times people (who have been officially listed as) dying in their sleep didn't die in their sleep. There's no autopsy done to prove how many people truly have died of overdose."

Lee said he personally knows parents in Jefferson County who have lost children to suicide. "They are so disappointed that we don't have any mental health" facility in Jefferson County. "Now, granted we have some spotty things, but we don't have enough."

Lee said his disappointment with the needs assessment is that he "is not sure the University of Cincinnati (researchers) went to the sources. I think they made calls" rather than actually doing in-depth research. "In my own assessment if we do anything less than 24 beds and don't build this thing right, we're failing our community."

Lee noted that the "State of Indiana has failed our mental health patients, and if we continue to do it, we're going to fail them again." He said he knows of three suicides in his family due to mental illness. "It's a passion for me," Lee said, noting that when he turned to Courter, a retiree from the Madison State Hospital with extensive experience in helping persons struggling with mental health and substance abuse, he was serious about doing something to address that in Jefferson County. "There's a need for (addressing) mental health, and we're not doing it."

Keith Howard, coordinator of Healthy Communities Initiative of Jefferson County, said, "We're all in agreement the report didn't give us what we were hoping for, but be that as it may, I think it does substantiate that a facility is needed in Jefferson County," and in spite of inaccuracies in the needs assessment, "I would feel comfortable in that it demonstrates a need. I would be hopeful the Commissioners would find that to be the case.

"I really don't think it's this committee's purpose to tell the county how to do it. I think leaving it as open as possible for the county to decide" is the best way to achieve it, Howard added.

In addition to the residential treatment facility, the draft of the subcommittee's recommendations includes:

- Consideration of a Crisis Stabilization Unit that would provide two- to four-beds that could be used by law enforcement, first responders and families to provide a place for short-term stays (less than 24 hours) and assessment of people dealing with addiction or mental health crises.
- Consider including a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to provide both medical and mental health services on a sliding scale.
- Create a county-wide dashboard providing frequent updates on court cases, crisis incidents, treatment availability and other relevant data to provide real-time information about what is occurring in the county.
- Work with the Jefferson County Justice, Treatment, and Prevention coalition (JCJTAP) — the county's state-mandated Local Coordinating Council (LCC) on expanding prevention activities, especially in the schools.
- Work with Centerstone and LifeSpring Health Systems and other mental health providers, along with Hanover College and Ivy Tech Community College to expand the number of licensed counselors, social workers, and peer recovery coaches in Jefferson County.
- Urge that the new Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center have a volunteer program for treatment for persons incarcerated in the facility.

Kevin Kellems, who serves as Jefferson County's representative on Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority, said he has a concern about sustainability of the residential treatment facility in terms of budgeting and staffing. He said it's been a challenge for Norton King's Daughters' Health to be staffed as it should be. "They really work at it with the doctors they need and all that support them," he said.

Kellems said while it might be possible to build a 24-bed facility, he is concerned about how it will be sustained. "That's some of the work that needs to be done. It's not a criticism," said Kellems, who agrees with the need for a residential treatment facility — particularly as a board member of the Dry Dock Community Center — "but this is my honest thought."

Lauren Perryman, senior vice president of Recovery and Forensic Services for LifeSpring Health Systems, noted that responsibility for staffing would be that of the agency running the residential treatment facility "to figure out how to staff that."

Hicks agreed on the importance of considering the budgeting and sustainability of a residential treatment center. "That would be a terrible thing to build a building, and not be able to sustain it funding-wise," he said.

Perryman said residential treatment is a provided service that is "revenue producing. You get a per diem rate for every day that they are there, based on certain assessment information and requirements met for that individual." She said residential treatment in itself is not profitable but is self-sustaining.

She said there currently is not a billable option for Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU), but with state's transition to Certified Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHC) "they are working in all the different crisis services so there eventually will be a billable option for a stay" in CSU.

Perryman said the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) provides federal funding for treating people regardless of their ability to pay. She said providers and the agencies are offered increased rates for services provided in order to offset the free healthcare. She added that "the vast majority of the people within a FQHC would be revenue producing staff members, so they bill for services provided" from the other funding sources.

For those reasons, she said the residential treatment center, the CSU and FQHC are sustainable but "staffing is the struggle."

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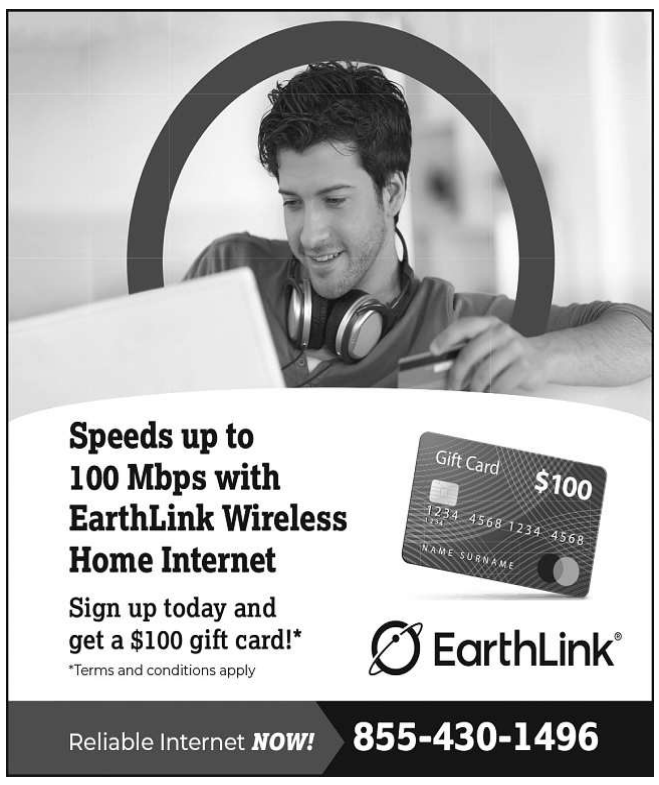
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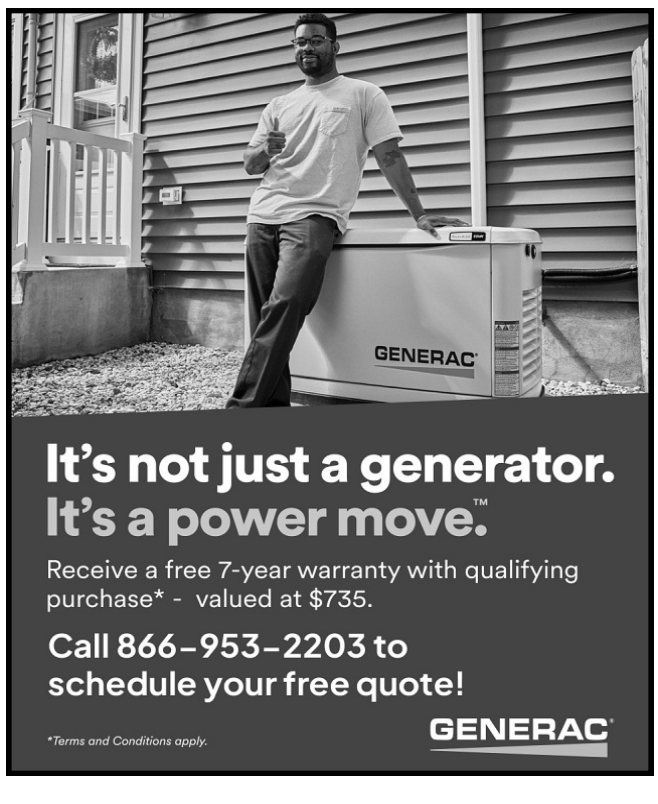
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Southwestern completes county sweep

BY JORDAN BEAR

For the second-straight week, Class 2A No. 6 Southwestern downed a Jefferson County rival as the Rebels dropped Shawe 72-34 in boys basketball on Friday at Meny Gym.

After a relatively close first quarter, Southwestern outscored Shawe 24-9 in the second period to take a commanding halftime lead and never look back en route to the win.

"We talked in the huddle after the first quarter about how sloppy we were with our ball handling and turnovers and we needed to clean it up," Southwestern coach Zac Nussbaum said. "In the second quarter, we passed the ball so well, got open looks and capitalized."

In the opening quarter, Shawe went blow-for-blow with the Rebels and trailed only 16-11 at the end of the frame. Southwestern was simply too much to overcome, however, according to Hilltopper coach Dan Hambrick.

"At full strength, they're going to be so tough to beat," Hambrick said. "They have shooters, size, their passing and they're very well-coached. I'm proud that my team never quit but there's only so much you can do against a team like that."

There was one special moment for Shawe. In the third quarter, senior Philip Kahn III connected on a bucket for his 1,000th career points. Kahn is the ninth player in school history do achieve that feat and joins his father, Phil Kahn II who currently is an assistant coach, in achieving that honor.

"Philip is an incredible kid. I would love to have about 15 of him on my team," Hambrick said. "He has improved so much from his freshman year and he always makes sure that even though he's a senior, he still works every single day in the gym. He's a hard worker and he inspires all the other players to work like him."

Nussbaum also commended Kahn for the accomplishment.

"I'm really happy for Kahn. He's an unbelievable kid and a good player who deserves the recognition," Nussbaum said. "I think it's even more special that his dad was on the bench and was able to experience it with him."

The Rebels were led by Jamison Lewis, who

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Shawe's Tyler Hill (12) and Gus Grote (10) double up on blocking out Southwestern's Landon Kidwell.

Southwestern ends losing streak to Shawe with win

BY JORDAN BEAR

Whenever Shawe and Southwestern play in girls basketball, you can always expect a close physical game and Friday night was no different.

Southwestern ultimately made just enough plays to end a two-game losing streak to Shawe with a 44-40 win on the Hilltoppers' home floor.

"I told the girls last week that losing in the Turkey Shootout isn't fun but conference games are the ones you really want," Southwestern coach Brian Crank said. "These girls wanted this game and they came out and left in all on the court. I'm proud of them for being able to pull this one out."

As has been in the case in previous years, the game was close from the opening tipoff. Every time one team would take a lead and try to pull away, the other responded with a run.

The first quarter saw both teams struggle to get any type of offensive rhythm going with Shawe holding a slim 9-8 lead. The Hilltoppers then came out on fire in the second quarter and extended their margin to 14-9 with three minutes to go in the half.

Southwestern didn't lie down as the Rebels' continued aggressive and physical play continued to bother Shawe as the visitors closed with a 9-0 run to take an 18-14 lead at halftime.

The second half saw a little more action on the offensive end as both team produced mini-runs and Shawe got a late buck-et to push its lead to 31-28 heading into the final period.

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Southwestern's Harlee Hill and Chloey Leach hug while assistant coach Tom Scroggins celebrates with from left Brianna Johnson, Ashley Fulton (12), Rorie Scroggins (24) and Lilly Fox (34) after the Rebels' hard-fought 44-40 win at Shawe Memorial on Friday night halted a two-game skid to the Hilltoppers. Combined with a 50-25 win over Medora on Saturday night the Rebels are now 4-4 on the season.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 5

BASKETBALL

Madison girls host New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys host Madison Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at Milan, 7:30 p.m.
Trimble Co. boys at Williamstown, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Floyd Central, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6

WRESTLING

Southwestern hosts Charlestown, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Madison, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls host Madison, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 7

BASKETBALL

Southwestern girls at New Washington, 6 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls host Trimble Co., 7:30 p.m.
Shawe girls at South Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Madison at Greensburg, 6 p.m.
Southwestern hosts Shawe, Providence, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. hosts Oldenburg, South Ripley, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 8

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys host Trimble Co., 7:30 p.m.
Madison boys host South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe boys at Jac-Cen-Del, 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern boys hosts New Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Switzerland Co. boys host Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

Madison dominates overtime to knock out Corydon 70-64

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Undermanned due to illness, Madison stepped up to defeat Corydon Central 70-64 in an overtime road win on Saturday for the Cubs' first victory of the season.

Playing without leading scorer Mason Davis, the Cubs got a huge game from junior Quincy Reynolds, who scored a career-high 31 points on 9-of-16 shooting, pulled down six rebounds and dished out five assists. Ryder Jones added 13 points and Oscar Gonzalez had eight points, nine rebounds and six assists.

Madison needed everything it could get to knock off the Panthers, who came out hot, taking a 19-13 lead after the first quarter. The Cubs began chipping away and entered the fourth quarter trailing 41-38.

Madison got hot in the fourth quarter, scoring 22 points to tie the game and force overtime. It was Reynolds who sent the game into the extra session, hitting two free throws with three seconds to go to knot the score.

Reynolds then took over in the overtime, scoring seven points and grabbing four rebounds as Madison outscored Corydon 10-4 over the four-minute session to win the game gong away.

Madison shot 48% (23-for-48) for the game including 8-for-20 from 3-point

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HS BOYS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Horn wins the battle but Craig gets the win

Switzerland beats Trimble 66-59

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County's Ethan Horn finished off a stellar opening week to the season with 29 points but it was Cam Craig and Switzerland County that came away with the boys basketball win, 66-59, in Bedford on Saturday.

Horn, who scored a school-record 54 points in Trimble's win over Ludlow on Thursday, continued his hot hand and got help from sophomore Ethan Keller, who hit five 3-pointers and scored 18 points.

But it wasn't enough as Craig scored 25 points and Kadyn Riley added 19 points to lift Switzerland to its second-straight win.

On Thursday, Horn broke Tony Jett's single-game Trimble scoring record with 54 points in an 80-75 overtime win over Ludlow at home. Keller added 12 points in the win.

Combined with the 39 points Horn scored in the season-opener on Tuesday at Highlands Latin, the senior is averaging 40.6 points per game through three games. His 1,187 career points puts him currently seventh on the school's all-time scoring list.

On Friday, Riley drained a half-court shot at the buzzer to lift Switzerland County to a 53-51 victory over Clarksville in a throwback game at the Old Gym in Vevay.

Craig had 14 points in the win and Cooper Todd scored 11.

Switzerland, now 2-1 on the season, hosts Rising Sun on Friday in the second Ruler of the River matchup of the season.

Trimble, now 1-2 on the year, travels to Williamstown on Tuesday in its North Central Kentucky Conference opener and heads to Carroll County on Friday.

CARROLL WINS SEASON OPENER

Carroll County boys basketball defeated Valley at home on Friday in the Panthers' 2023-24 season opener.

Carroll, now 1-0 on the season, traveled to Cornerstone Christian on Monday and hosts Trimble County on Friday.

HS GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Madison girls drop 2 defensive battles

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison saw its six-game win streak snapped with a pair of losses in defensive battles late last week.

The Cubs traveled to Floyd Central on Wednesday and dropped a 36-26 loss.

Juliana Davis had 12 points and six rebounds to lead Madison, Mylee McQueary had eight points and eight rebounds, Caity Dailey had four points and four rebounds and Hannah Dart had six rebounds.

On Thursday, Madison lost a heart-breaking 43-42 decision at home to East Central on a last-second shot.

Davis had 17 points, five rebounds and three steals in the loss for the Cubs, McQueary had 12 points, seven rebounds and three blocks, Iyana Phelps had six points and three rebounds and Dailey had four points and six rebounds.

Madison, now 6-2, hosts New Washington on Tuesday and travels to Seymour on Thursday.

HENSLEY'S CAREER NIGHT LEADS CARROLL

Kaitlyn Hensley scored a career-high 35 points and Carroll County needed every one of them to hold off Holmes 79-76 at home on Saturday in the Panthers' season opener.

Hensley wasn't the only Carroll player to have a big game in the win. Sophomore Chloe McGuire scored a career-high 13 points while Elle Spencer added 12 for the Panthers and Mallory Noble chipped in nine.

Carroll, now 1-0 on the season, traveled to Switzerland County on Monday and hosts Trimble County on Thursday. The Panthers then travel to Kentucky Country Day on Saturday.

LADY PACERS SPLIT PAIR

Switzerland County girls basketball hammered Gallatin County but lost at Christian Academy of Indiana late last week.

The Pacers welcomed Gallatin from across the Ohio River and handed the Wildcats a 61-32 loss on Thursday.

Courtney Higgins scored a career-high 21 points and added three steals to lead the Pacers while Bri Stow had 10 points and four rebounds. Lauren Smith added eight points and Halle Archer had six points, four assists, three rebounds and five steals.

On Saturday, Switzerland traveled to Christian Academy of Indiana and came away with a 51-35 loss. The Pacers actually led 25-21 at halftime but could muster only 10 points in the second half as the Warriors went 25-for-34 from the free-throw line to pull away to the win.

Higgins again led the way, scoring 11 points and grabbing three steals while Stow had nine points and four rebounds and Archer had eight points and four rebounds. Smith did not score, but the freshman pulled down 12 rebounds.

Switzerland, now 5-4, hosted Carroll County on Monday in a throwback game in the Old Gym in Vevay. The Pacers head to Shawe on Saturday for their first Ohio River Valley Conference game of the season.

TRIMBLE GIRLS FALL ON THE ROAD

Trimble County suffered a 52-38 loss at Lexington Christian in girls basketball Thursday on the road.

Addison Edmondson scored 18 points to lead the Raiders, giving her 1,083 for her career and moving her past Jodi Harmon into ninth place on the school's all-time scoring list. Payton Butters and Ainslie Stark added seven points each for Trimble.

Trimble, now 1-1, heads to Carroll County on Thursday and hosts Eminence on Monday, Dec. 11.

WRESTLING ROUNDUP

Skinner claims title at Monrovia girls Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison sophomore Maylie Skinner claimed three wins by fall to win the Monrovia Women's Wrestling Invitational on Saturday.

Skinner, wrestling at 155 pounds, was challenged in only one match on the day. She pinned Henna Ahmad of Bloomington South in 1:37 in the opening round then finally pinned Kimberly Bautista of Warren Central in 3:51 in the semifinals. In the finals, she took care of Monrovia's Josie Hause in 1:35 to claim the title.

Two other Madison wrestlers placed on the day. Angelina Yantz was second at 105 pounds and Savannah Reseendiz-Mack was second at 170 pounds. Brookellen Prosser (115 pounds) won a match and scored three points for the Cubs. Overall, the team scored 49 points.

Madison's next girls match will be on Wednesday at Switzerland County. The Cubs then wrestle at Lebanon on Saturday.

PACERS WIN FUGATE INVITE

Switzerland County won eight of its nine matches to claim the Fugate Invitational title at Scottsburg over the weekend.

On Friday, the Pacers defeated Jennings County 63-18, Scottsburg 48-36, Salem 39-33 and Paoli 60-24. On Saturday, Switzerland defeated New Washington 57-24, Clarksville 60-18, Southwestern 66-6 and Silver Creek 48-33. The Pacers' only loss was 42-36 to Seymour.

Switzerland hosts Madison on Wednesday.

CUBS WRESTLE AT SOUTHRIDGE

Madison wrestling placed 10th in the Old Barn Brawl at Southridge on Saturday.

The Cubs scored 134 points on the day. Great Crossing, out of Georgetown, Kentucky, won the event with 300.5 points.

Eli Stewart (120 pounds) and Trenton Bivens (138) each placed second to lead Madison on the day. Ayden Waggoner (175) placed third, Izik Roberts (132) finished fourth, Drew Zuckschwerdt (126) and Zane Skinner (150) were each fifth, Taye Labolt (165) was seventh, Danny Mack (144) and Cam Wall (157) placed eighth, and Don Chen (215) was ninth.

Madison wrestles at Switzerland County on Wednesday and at Columbus North on Saturday.

HANOVER ROUNDUP

Hanover men blast Earlham in HCAC opener

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover men's basketball opened Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference play with an easy 89-59 win at winless Earlham Saturday.

Thirteen players scored in the game for Hanover with C.J. Walls totaling 15 off the bench to lead the way. Matt Munoz had 12 points and five rebounds while Avery Saunders and William Herald each scored 11. Madison's Luke Miller scored four points and had two rebounds.

Hanover, now 4-3 overall and 1-0 HCAC, hosts Defiance on Saturday.

HANOVER WOMEN DROP TWO

Hanover women's basketball dropped a pair of close games against two traditional powers in the WashU Classic in St. Louis over the weekend.

On Friday, Hanover fell 86-75 to host Washington-St. Louis. Sophomore Kylah Lawson led the charge for the Panthers, scoring 15 points and grabbing four rebounds. Katherine Benter came off the bench to score 14 points and Grace Bezold added 13 points.

On Saturday, Hanover dropped a 76-68 decision to DePauw. Bezold returned to her early-season form with 31 points and nine rebounds to lead the way while Benter had 10 points and six rebounds.

Hanover, now 2-4 overall, hosts Defiance on Saturday in a Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference matchup.

Photos by Mark Campbell

Southwestern's Chloey Leach (11) and Shawe's Ava Turner make contact in the paint as Leach drives the lane in the first half.

Shawe's Allison Knoebel (11) talks strategy with Ava Turner (3) and Hunter Mote (10) coming out of a quarter break in Friday's loss to Southwestern at Meny Gym in Madison.

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Neither team led by more than three through most of the final period until a turning point came with five minutes left in the game when Shawe's Ava Turner was fouled while collecting a rebound but was also whistled for a technical foul.

Turner went to Shawe's very shallow bench for much of the remainder of the game while Ashley Fulton calmly hit both free throws for the Rebels and then subsequently scored a bucket on the ensuing possession for a four-point swing.

Southwestern added several free throws down the stretch to ice the game and hold on for the four-point win as Turner didn't come back in until another Hilltopper starter fouled out late.

Shawe coach Drew Kring said his team simply struggled to adapt to what the Rebels were doing defensively.

"A couple things didn't go our way. We didn't get some calls we wanted, and they got really physical with us and we didn't respond very well," Kring said. "We're still trying to figure a few things out this early in the season without a key piece and we'll take this game and try to get better from here."

Although Fulton led the Rebels with another double-double of 15 points and 10 rebounds, the difference in the game may have been the defensive play of Olivia Simpson. Simpson chased Shawe's leader Allison Knoebel and the junior struggled to get any offensive rhythm for four quarters, scoring only 12 points.

"People are going to look at the stats for the game and not think much about Olivia's line but if you were here you know what she was able to do," Crank said. "Allison is a phenomenal player and I'm proud that we were able to limit her tonight."

Kring said his team needs to learn from the loss and get ready for next week.

"Losing this game isn't fun but it's basketball and sometimes it happens," Kring said. "We have two games next week. It's time to turn our attention there and try to grab a couple wins."

On Saturday Southwestern evened up its record at 4-4 with a 50-25 win over Medora. Rorie Scroggins led the team in scoring with 15 while Riley Scroggins had 11 points.

Southwestern, 1-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, travels to Milan on Tuesday and to New Washington on Thursday before hosting South Central on Friday.

Shawe, now 2-4 overall and 0-2 ORVC, travels to South Ripley on Thursday and hosts Switzerland County on Saturday.

Cubs dominate Small Team Invite

Sever crushes 100 Free record

Madison's swimmers picked up the wins at their Small Team Invitational on Saturday, besting North Harrison and South Ripley. The girls scored 346 points to North Harrison's 288 and South Ripley's 40. The boys scored 341 points to beat South Ripley's 152 and North Harrison's 150.

The Cubs dominated both girls and boys events winning 18 of the 21 events and posting many personal best times. The standout for the day was Camdyn Sever, who crushed the 100-yard freestyle school record with a time of 48.74. The old record was held by Carter Schutte at 49.37 set in 2020.

"Cam is exciting to watch. He is doing all the right things in practice which are paying off in the meets," Madison coach John Schutte said. "Cam is having a breakout season. He is a great inspiration for our team, and we are fortunate that his hard work and drive are contagious with his teammates."

Top finishes for the Madison Girls: Reilly Kuppler, first, 200 free, 2:13.10, and first, 100 free, 1:01.43; Avery Johnson, first, 200 IM, 2:37.99, and first, 100 back, 1:09.01; Lilly Canida, first, 50 free, 24.88, and first, 100 breast, 1:16.92; Annalise Roney, first, 100 fly, 1:11.82, and second, 100 breast, 1:22.32; Emma Wynn, third, 200 free, 2:30.20, and second, 100 free, 1:05.92; Penelope Bibbs, second, 200IM, 2:50.01, and second, 500 free, 6:40.94; Carolyn Mahoney, third, 50 free; Kira Brittain, third, 100 back, 1:17.89; Avery Johnson, Lilly Canida, Annalise Roney and Reilly Kuppler, first, 200 medley relay, 2:05.48; Reilly Kuppler, Avery Johnson, Annalise Roney and Lilly Canida, first, 200 free relay, 1:52.62; Ellie Whitaker, Carolyn Mahoney, Kira Brittain, and Laura Boles, second, 400 free relay, 5:26.31.

Camdyn Sever

• Top finishes for the Madison Boys: Kyle Roney, first, 200 free, 2:03.89, and second, 100 breast, 1:15.76; Max Thompson, first, 200 IM, 2:24.34, and second, 100 back, 1:04.43; Camdyn Sever, first, 50 free, 21.88, and first, 100 free, 48.74 School Record; Graham Klein, first, 100 fly, 58.82, and first, 100 back, 1:04.14; Trenton Schafer, second, 200 free, 2:14.70; Tucker Whitaker, third, 200 free, 2:27.30, and third, 100 free, 1:03.64; Garrett Klein, second, 200 IM, 2:24.38, and third, 100 fly, 1:02.48; Cole Goodnight, second, 100 free, 57.92, and third, 100 breast, 1:20.03; Graham Klein, Cole Goodnight, Garrett Klein, and Cam Sever, first, 200 medley relay, 1:52.48; Graham Klein, Max Thompson, Kyle Roney, and Cam Sever, first, 200 free relay, 1:37.31; Kyle Roney, Garrett Klein, Max Thompson, and Cole Goodnight, first, 400 free relay, 4:24.95.

Madison travels to Floyd Central on Tuesday and Greensburg on Thursday.

Southwestern girls win 5 events in Lawrenceburg swim Invite

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's strong but undermanned girls swim team claimed five victories and finished a close third in the Lawrenceburg Invitational on Saturday.

The Rebels came into the meet with only six swimmers but made the most of their low numbers. Natalee Crawford won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:27.83 and the 100 butterfly in 1:07.84 while Raygan Crawford won the 100 backstroke in 1:11.46. Natalee and Raygan then teamed with Riley Crawford and Adalei Watson to win the 200 medley relay in 2:17.34 and with Riley Crawford and Alexis Dean-Wells to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:57.93.

Shawe's Matthew Vaughn also won two events on the day, claiming the boys 200 individual medley in 2:21.58 and the boys 100 freestyle in 52.97.

Other finishes for the Southwestern girls were: Riley Crawford, second, 50 free, 29.21 and fourth, 100 free, 1:05.27; Raygan Crawford, third, 100 freestyle, 1:04.34; Dean-Wells, fourth, 100 back, 1:22.26 and sixth, 50 free, 32.59; and Watson, sixth, 500 free, 7:33.24 and eighth, 100 breast, 1:39.63.

Results for the Southwestern boys were: Shane Hardy, 12th, 100 free, 1:42.33 and 15th, 50 free, 44.44; Forrest Deutscher, 13th, 100 free, 1:43.84 and 14th, 50 free, 43.52; and Robert De Paz Gonzalez, 14th, 100 free, 2:02.15 and 16th, 50 free, 48.61.

Milan won the girls title with 233 points with Southwestern third with 182. Harrison (Ohio) won the boys crown with 247 points. Shawe was sixth with 29 and Southwestern was seventh with eight points.

Southwestern hosts Shawe and South Ripley on Tuesday and hosts Shawe and Providence on Thursday. Both Southwestern and Shawe compete in the Seymour Invitational on Saturday.

Switzerland swimmers post several strong finishes

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County swimming traveled to Milan and placed fourth in the combine boys and girls standings on Thursday.

Ava Cole claimed victory in the girls 100-yard breaststroke while Derek Hoskins won the boys 100-yard freestyle. Kaelin Taylor, Eva Hicks, Molly Hicks and Cole also won the girls 200 freestyle relay.

Other top finishes for the Switzerland girls were: Kaelin Taylor, second, 200 free and third, 50 free; Piper Taylor, second, 100 fly and third, 100 back; Cole, second, 100 free; Cole, Kaelin Taylor, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, second, 200 medley relay, 2:23.38; Molly Hicks, third, 200 IM; Eva Hicks, sixth, 100 free; and Molly Hicks, seventh, 100 back.

Other top finishes for the boys were: Hoskins, second, 200 IM; and Caleb Ridener, second, 50 free and second, 100 back.

On Saturday, Switzerland's girls finished first and the boys second in a tri-meet at home against Lanesville and Rising Sun.

Hoskins won the boys 100 freestyle, Cole won the girls 100 breaststroke, and Kaelin Taylor, Eva Hicks, Molly Hicks and Cole won the girls 200 freestyle relay.

Other top finishes for the girls were: Kaelin Taylor, second, 200 free and third, 50 free; Piper Taylor, second, 100 fly and third, 100 back; Cole, second, 100 free; Cole, Kaelin Taylor, Molly Hicks and Piper Taylor, second, 200 medley relay; Molly Hicks, third, 200 IM and seventh, 100 back; and Eva Hicks, sixth, 100 free.

Hoskins was second in the boys 200 individual medley while Ridener was second in the 50 freestyle and second in the 100 backstroke.

Switzerland hosts Oldenburg and South Ripley on Thursday and competes in the Seymour Invitational on Saturday.

COURIER AREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

• Switzerland County junior varsity girls basketball remained unbeaten on the season with a pair of wins last week.

On Thursday, the Pacers defeated Gallatin County 37-31. Addie Kelso had 15 points and Kaitlynn Stucker had 13 for Switzerland.

On Saturday, Switzerland hammered Christian Academy of Indiana 50-8. Stucker scored 16 points and Kelso had 14 for the Pacers.

Switzerland, now 8-0 on the season, hosted Carroll County on Monday and next hosts South Ripley on Dec. 12.

Analysis: With expansion coming, good riddance to 4-team playoff after unprecedented snub of FSU

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
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There will be plenty to miss when college football undergoes myriad changes next season.

A traditional Pac-12. Regional conferences and rivalries. The Rose Bowl kicking off on New Year's Day, just about the time the New Year's Eve hangover fades away.

A College Football Playoff with not enough spots to accommodate deserving teams? Good riddance.

"I hear a lot of the controversy about who should have been in and who shouldn't have been in it," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said on ESPN. "It's going to be fortunate that next year there will be an expanded playoff and a true champion. It's just going to be better,"

The final version of the four-team playoff produced a truly unsatisfying outcome Sunday when unbeaten Florida State was left out because, essentially, its starting quarterback got hurt.

Top-ranked Michigan will face Alabama at the Rose Bowl in one Jan. 1 semifinal and Washington meets Texas in the other at the Sugar Bowl.

Florida State was bumped to the Orange Bowl, where it will face two-time defending national champion Georgia.

It was not so much that the 13-member selection committee got it wrong by putting Alabama in over the Jordan Travis-less Seminoles. It is difficult to argue the Seminoles in their current state are better than any of the four playoff teams. Alabama or Texas would have been deservedly frustrated if they had been snubbed.

Still, keeping Florida State out feels worse. Cold. Almost heartless.

Travis posted an apology on social to his teammates for being injured. Florida State coach Mike Norvell said he was "disgusted and infuriated."

"What is the point of playing games?" he said.

The four-team format always felt like a half-measure, the next step in the evolution of the postseason after the Bowl Championship Series — but not a real solution.

It generally did it's main job — crowning a champion — fairly well in part because over the 10 years the CFP has been in the place there has been a consolidation of power at the very top of college football.

Most years, only two or three teams were real threats to win a national title. But the CFP devalued the rest of the postseason: Highly ranked teams left out are tossed into what are sold as marquee bowl games — the New Year's Six — but with low stakes and limited reason for the best players to play.

College football will never eliminate player opt outs or interim coaches in bowl games. But the four-team model severely marginalizes really good teams that deserve better.

The 12-team model won't necessarily produce better champions, but if Florida State and Georgia were playing in playoff games in December we'd all be better off.

Bowls are fun for diehards and gamblers. American sports fans love to watch football on TV more than just about anything in the world. But college football has been so protective of its regular season that it ended up with a postseason that fizzles out.

When a matchup of top-10 teams in a bowl game is announced and the first thought is, "Wonder if the NFL-bound quarterbacks will play?" there is a problem with the postseason.

The top tier of college football and the number of playoff contenders was bigger this year than ever before in the CFP era.

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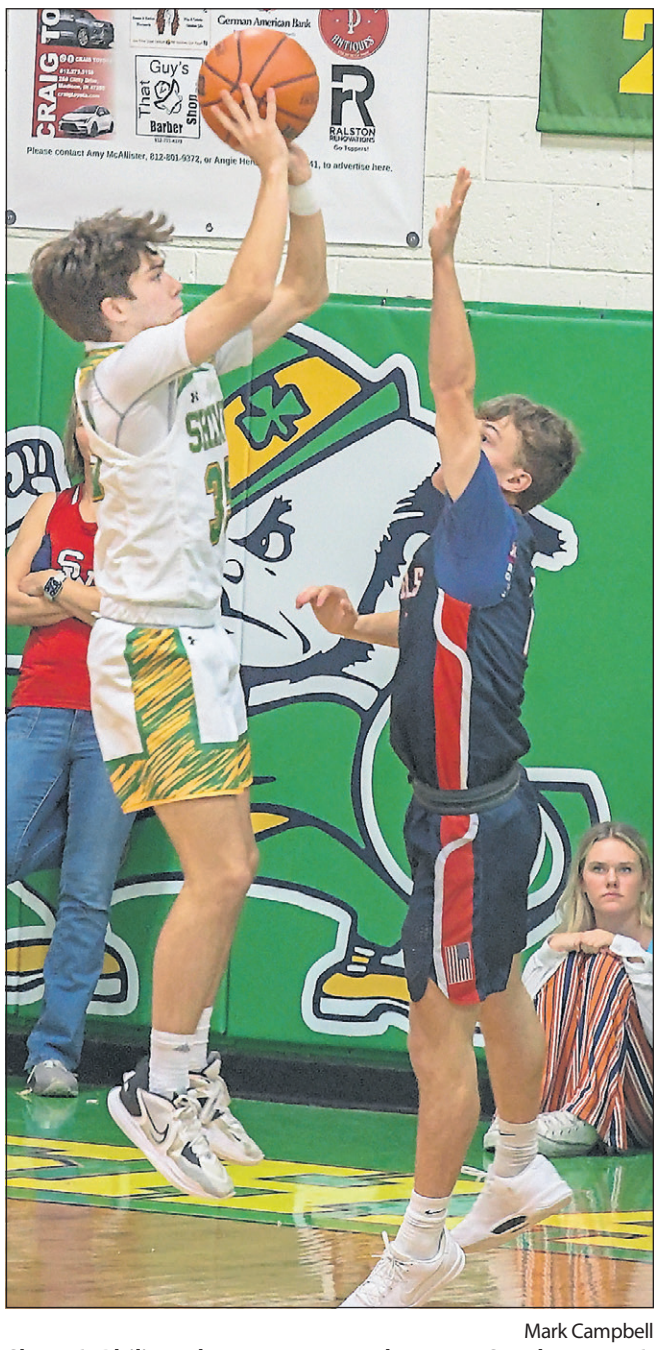
Southwestern's Jamison Lewis (center) elevates over Shawe's Philip Kahn III (left) and Tate Wieczorek for a bucket inside. Lewis scored a game-high 21 points to go with 14 rebounds in the Rebel win.



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Shawe's Philip Kahn III puts up a shot over Southwestern's Jackson Taylor in Saturday's ORVC matchup with Southwestern. The Hilltoppers lost 74-32 but Kahn became the ninth member of Shawe's career 1,000-point club.

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finished with a double-double of 21 points and 14 rebounds. Braxton Lewis had 14 points while Landon Kidwell finished with 11 points.

The Hilltoppers were led by Kahn with 14 points to now have 1,004 in his career.

On Saturday the Rebels easily cruised past Columbus East 70-47 to improve to 3-0 on the season. Jamison Lewis finished with 23 points, Brady Cook with 18 points, and Peyton Cloud chipped in 12 points.

The Rebels, now 3-0 and 1-0 Ohio River Valley Conference, will look to remain unbeaten on the year when they host New Washington on Friday night before hosting Batesville on Saturday.

Shawe, now 2-2 and 0-1 ORVC, will host Christian Academy of Madison on Tuesday before traveling to Jac-Cen-Del on Friday night.

Minshew throws for TD as Colts down Titans 31-28

BY TERESA M. WALKER
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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Indianapolis Colts may start slow.

They sure know how to finish.

Gardner Minshew threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Michael Pittman with 2:31 left in overtime and the Colts beat the Tennessee Titans 31-28 Sunday for their fourth straight victory to keep pace in the playoff race in the AFC.

"It's awesome to see our guys fight every single week and just keep finding ways to win," first-year Colts coach Shane Steichen said.

The Colts (7-5) had to score a touchdown after Nick Folk made a 46-yard field goal with 4:19 left in overtime to put Tennessee up 28-25.

Indianapolis came in holding the seventh and last spot in the AFC. The Colts leave town having swept their AFC South rival for the first time since 2018.

"It really feels good to beat them back to back because they beat us back to back, and we've been trading off," Pittman said of sweeping the Titans. "So it feels good to give it back to them."

Tennessee (4-8) lost its first true home game this season and has yet to win consecutive games overall.

The Titans not only blew a 17-7 lead, but Folk missed his first extra point this season with 5:26 left in regulation that could have put Tennessee up 26-25.

Backup quarterback Ryan Tannehill had to fill in on the missed PAT with usual holder and punter Ryan Stonehouse knocked out of the game early in the fourth quarter with an injured left leg. Stonehouse was seen leaving the stadium on crutches with his leg in a full brace.

"Proud of the way that we fought, and we lost," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said.

He also noted the Titans have to protect their punter.

Special teams helped the Colts score 10 points off Nick Cross' blocked punt that Grant Stuard returned 18 yards for a TD late in the third quarter. Then Tony Brown forced a fumble on Stonehouse's next punt attempt, running into his left leg.

Colts linebacker Zaire Franklin noted special teams actually helped impact 11 total points.

"You knock the punter out of the game, they can't kick the extra point," Franklin said. "That's how this game gets to overtime. I told all the young guys, I said 'Look, that's how you know your special teams is really making plays, when they're affecting the outcome of the game.' They stood tall today, for sure."

Minshew threw for 312 yards and two touchdowns as he won his fourth straight game for the first time in his five NFL seasons. Pittman finished with 11 catches for 105 yards with the game-winning TD, and Alec Pierce had three receptions for 100 yards and a TD.

The Colts sacked Titans' QB Will Levis, a rookie out of Kentucky, six times despite being outgained 381-355. Tennessee held the ball for more than 38 minutes.

Indianapolis easily could've turned this into a rout except for the Colts' struggles inside the Titans 10.

The Colts had first-and-goal four times in regulation only to settle for three of Matt Gay's four field goals. They lost a fumble on another trip.

Gay's fourth field goal, a 28-yarder, came with 11:34 left off Brown's forced fumble on Stonehouse's punt attempt.

"We probably should've won by more points actually, but they are a very well-coached team and it's never easy," Pittman said of playing the Titans.

This was a costly loss for Tennessee.

Derrick Henry ran for 102 yards and two touchdowns before leaving early in the fourth quarter to be evaluated for a concussion. He went to the locker room and never returned.

The Titans also lost two-time Pro Bowl defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons to an injured right knee, and Folk had to punt once Stonehouse was knocked out of the game.

HENRY'S DAY

The two-time NFL rushing champ tied Marshawn Lynch with his first TD run of the game. Then he tied Priest Holmes with his second, a 5-yarder early in the second quarter, at No. 15 all time with the 86th rushing TD of his career.

CRAZY GAME

Going to overtime was only the capper on a wild day. The Colts tried a 2-point conversion after Stuard's TD off the blocked punt. Minshew's pass was intercepted by Amani Hooker who went the distance giving Tennessee two points.

Levis fumbled early trying to pass, and the Titans rookie quarterback recovered after Colts safety Julian Blackmon couldn't hold onto the ball.

Folk had to punt twice and averaged 39 yards. The 39-year-old veteran said this was his first punt in the NFL since his college days at Arizona, "I did it in the Pac-10 a long time ago."

INJURIES

Colts RT Braden Smith hurt a knee on their opening drive and didn't return. He was on the injury report coming into this game after being given Friday off for rest. Rookie Blake Freeland replaced him.

The Titans lost Simmons midway through the third quarter. Tight end Josh Whyle also was knocked out of the game with an injured knee. Cornerback Kristian Fulton also was hurt.

UP NEXT

The Colts visit Cincinnati to wrap up a two-game road swing (TV: Live on CBS at 1 p.m.)

Reds finalize $26M deal with Martinez, $16M with Pagán

CINCINNATI — The Reds finalized a $26 million, two-year contract with pitcher Nick Martinez on Friday and a $16 million, two-year deal with reliever Emilio Pagán.

Martinez, a 33-year-old right-hander, gets $14 million in 2024 and $12 million in 2025. He has the right to opt out after the 2024 World Series and become a free agent again.

Pagán, a 32-year-old right-hander has an $8 million salary next season, and the deal includes an $8 million player option for 2025. If Pagán declines the option, he would receive a $250,000 buyout.

Pagán can earn $200,000 in performance bonuses for games finished in 2024: $50,000 each for 20 and 30, and $100,0000 for 40.

He would receive a $500,000 assignment bonus if traded.

Martinez joins a rotation that could include Hunter Greene, Nick Lodolo, Graham Ashcraft, Andrew Abbott, Brandon Williamson or Connor Phillips

Martinez made $10 million this year, when he went 6-3 with a 3.43 ERA in nine starts and 54 relief appearances in his second season with the San Diego Padres. He was 4-4 with a 3.47 ERA with eight saves in 10 starts and 37 relief appearances for the Padres in 2022.

He spent the previous four seasons in Japan with the Hokkaido Nippon Ham Fighters and then the Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks.

San Diego turned down options at $16 million annually and Martinez declined options at $8 million a year.

Pagán went 5-2 with a 2.99 ERA and one save in 65 relief appearances and one start for the Twins, striking out 65 and walking 21. He is 22-18 with a 3.71 ERA and 32 saves in seven major league seasons with Seattle (2017), Oakland (2018), Tampa Bay (2019), San Diego (2020-21) and Minnesota (2022-23). He had 20 saves in 28 chances for the Rays in 2019.

All-Star Alexis Díaz had 37 saves for the Reds last year, Pagán joins a bullpen that lost Buck Farmer to free agency.

MADISON

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range and 16-for-20 from the free-throw line. The Cubs did turn the ball over 18 times, but won the rebounding war 33-26.

T-Mac Wilkinson scored 20 points and had nine rebounds to lead Corydon, which shot 47% from the floor but just 12-of-23 from the free-throw line. Trey Wiley added 12 points and Grant Lindeman had 11.

On Friday, Madison hung close with Jennings County before falling 72-55. Reynolds had another big game for the Cubs with 22 points, five assists and four rebounds. Gonzalez had 10 points, six rebounds and four steals, Landon True had eight points, four rebounds and three assists, and Ryder Jones had eight points.

Madison, now 1-2 on the season, hosts South Dearborn on Friday in its home opener.

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	NCIS (N)		FBI		FBI True (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	The Voice (N)		The Voice (N)		Found (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Dancing With the Stars "Finale" (N) (SF) (Live)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Dancing With the Stars "Finale" (N) (SF) (Live)						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		American Experience				Frontline (N)		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Name-Tune (N)		TMZ's (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	NCIS (N)		FBI		FBI True (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Inside the NFL		Whose..	Whose..	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Name-Tune (N)		TMZ's (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Neighb..	Custo..	Custo..	Custo..
AMC	29	26	★★★★ Elf ('03) Will Ferrell.				★ National Lampoon's Christmas ...				★ National Lampoon's C...		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	(5:00) Street		Street Outlaws		Street "No Turning Back" (N)				Street Outlaws		Street
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Jessie
ESPN	32	44	SportC..	College Basketball				Game..	College Basketball				SportC..
FREE	18	40	★★★★ Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin.					★★★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New York					700Club
FX	40	28	★★★ Daddy's Home ('15)				★★★ Daddy's Home 2 ('17)				Fargo (N)		Fargo
HBO	201	17	(5:45) ★★★★ Avatar: The Way of Water ('22)						Hard (N)		★ Great Photo, Lovely Life		
MAX	270	73	Movie	★★★★ Lucy ('14)			★★★ Kill the Irishman		★ Revenge of the Green ...				Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ The Town ('10) Rebecca Hall, Ben Affleck.						Movie
SHOW	221	16	(5:45) ★★★ Southpaw ('15)				★★★★ No Country for Old Men				(:05) ★ Heist 88 ('23)		
TMC	233	74	★ Invasion of the Body Snatchers				★ Grindhouse: Death Proof (P)				★ Grindhouse Presents: ...		
TNT	27	43	(4:00) ★ Den of T...		Tip-Off	NBA Basketball					NBA Basketball		
USA	26	33	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:10) ★★ Peppermint ('18)		

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Survivor (N)			The Amazing Race (N)			CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Quantum (N)		Magnum (N)		That's My Jam		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		Inside..	ET (N)	2024 Republican (N) (Live)				News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Jeopardy! (N)		Wheel (N)		Pyramid (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Nature		NOVA		Great (N)		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Survivor (N)			The Amazing Race (N)			News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	2024 Republican (N) (Live)				BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Masked (N)		Snake Oil (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Court..	Interro..	Interro..	Court..
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★★ Jack Frost ('98)				★★★ Christmas With the Kranks				★★★ Four Christmases		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	Expedition		Expedition		Expedition		Expedition (N)		(:10) Mystery (N)		Expedi..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	Hailey	Hailey	Marvel..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Bunk'd
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter		NBA	NBA Basketball					(:05) NBA Basketball		
FREE	18	40	Movie	(:25) ★★★ The Santa Clause 2 ('02)					(:55) ★ Santa Clause 3: Escape Clause				700Club
FX	40	28	★★★ Daddy's Home 2 ('17)				★★★★ Home Alone ('90) Macaulay Culkin.				★ Home Alone ...		
HBO	201	17	(:10) Gilded		(:10) Hard		★★★★ Flight ('12)				(:20) Murder		Movie
MAX	270	73	(:10) ★★★ Unbreakable				★★★ Genius ('16)			(:45) ★★★★ Walk the Line ('05)			
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		2024 Republican (N) (Live)				Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Ocean's Eleven ('01)					★ Ocean's Twelve	
SHOW	221	16	(:15) ★★ Mafia Mamma ('23)				★★★★ American Hustle ('13)					★ Boogie Nights	
TMC	233	74	(:05) ★★★ Dinner for Schmucks				★★★ Without a Paddle			(:40) ★★★ The DUFF ('15)			
TNT	27	43	Movie	NHL o..	NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey			
USA	26	33	(5:30) L..	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU	

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4 WTTV	4		CBS4..	CBSN..	BigBa..	Sheldon	Price Is (N)		Ghosts..	Ghosts..	SEAL Team (N)		CBS4..
5 WLWT	2		News	NBCN..	WLWT	Hollyw..	Christmas at the Opry (N)				Dateline (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News (N)		ZoneE..	ET (N)	Son of a	Childr..	Whose..	JokeOff	News (N)		News
9 WCPO	23		News	World..	News	Extra	Bachelor in Paradise (N) (SF)						News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	World..	ET (N)	Inside..	Bachelor in Paradise (N) (SF)						News
15 WKPC	13		Ameri..	Edition	NewsHour (N)		Antiques		Doc Martin		Father Brown		BBCN..
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	Jeopar..	Kitchen (N)		LEGO (N)		FOX19 (N)		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBSN..	Wheel	Jeopar..	Price Is (N)		Ghosts..	Ghosts..	SEAL Team (N)		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Neighb..	House..	Sheldon	BigBa..	Son of a	Childr..	Whose..	JokeOff	BigBa..	Sheldon	LastM..
41 WDRB	8	9	WDR..	News	FamFe..	FamFe..	Kitchen (N)		LEGO (N)		WDRB News		WDR..
A&E	28	36	The First 48		The First 48		The First 48 (N)		Raw (N)		(:05) Accused (N)		First48
AMC	29	26	★★★ Christmas With the Kranks				★ National Lampoon's Christmas ...				★ National Lampoon's C...		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	(:20) The Office		Office	Office	Office	Office	DailyS..
DISC	31	38	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Contraband		Contra..
DISN	25	29	Kiff	Big City	Big City	Big City	NY-Heroez		Ghost	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Ladyb..	Villains
ESPN	32	44	(5:15) NBA Basketball			(:35) ES..	NHL Hockey					NHL Hockey	
FREE	18	40	(5:40) ★ Home Alone 2: Lost in New...								(:20) ★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas		700Club
FX	40	28	(5:30) ★ The Day After Tomorrow				★★★★ Avatar ('09) Zoe Saldana, Sam Worthington.						
HBO	201	17	(5:15) ★ Sleepy H...		(:05) 30 Coins		★★★ Watchmen ('09) Billy Crudup.					(:45) Gilded	
MAX	270	73	(:10) ★★ Law Abiding Citizen ('09)				★ Strangers: Prey at Night			(:25) ★★★★ The Witch			Movie
NEWSNTN	20	20	Elizabeth (N)		On Balance (N)		Cuomo (N)		Dan Abrams		Banfield (N)		Cuomo
PARMT	35	41	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	TwoM..	★★★★ Ocean's Thirteen ('07)					★ Wolf of Wall ...	
SHOW	221	16	(:15) ★★★ Scream ('22)				(:15) ★ Earth Mama ('23)				Travelers		Movie
TMC	233	74	Movie	★ S.O.S. Survive or Sacri...			★★★★ Total Recall ('90)				★ Terminator 2: Judgme...		
TNT	27	43	(5:15) ★ Hangover Part III			NBA Tip-Off (N) (Live)			NBA Basketball				
USA	26	33	(5:30) L..	Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU		Law-SVU	

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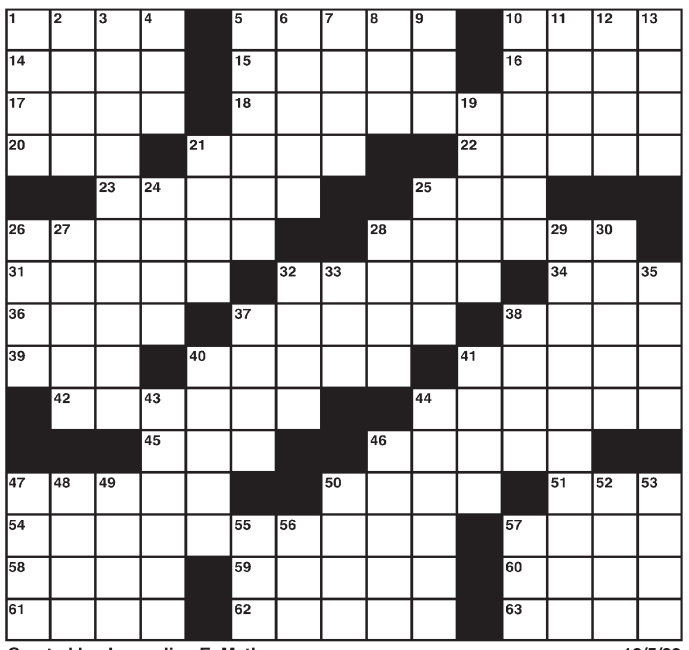
ACROSS
1 Has __ on; claims in advance
5 Bad-mouths
10 Only
14 Drive out
15 Allowed
16 Neighbor of Libya
17 Cockeyed
18 The whole shebang
20 Sinister
21 Unwanted growth
22 Arlo's dad
23 Take the honey and run
25 Zodiac sign
26 Caruso & Pavarotti
28 Kingdoms
31 Firebug's crime
32 Porterhouse, for one
34 High-pitched bark
36 Harvest
37 __ of; before
38 Part of the alphabet
39 Pop singer Jones
40 Clean the floor
41 Hell's ruler
42 Jumped
44 Turn aside
45 Womanizer
46 Bishop's accessory
47 Shadowboxes
50 Additional amount
51 Under the weather
54 Train puller
57 Toy with a string
58 Primates
59 Infant's woe
60 "__ is not to reason why…"
61 Takes the plunge
62 Twitter post
63 Takes advantage of

DOWN
1 Lackluster
2 Ottumwa's state
3 Oppressive; heavy
4 Pig's pad
5 Snoozes
6 Embankment
7 Elderly
8 Deface
9 __ as a fox
10 Academy
11 Birthplace of 7 presidents
12 Hit the runway
13 Uptight
19 Fine-tune
21 __ out; exhausted
24 Stunt pilot's maneuver
25 __ the way; pioneer
26 Diplomacy
27 Actor Flynn
28 Gather crops
29 Inexplicable
30 Stringed instrument
32 Small outbuilding
33 Actor Brian __
35 Football kick
37 Gobsmacked
38 __ about; praise highly
40 Charley horse, e.g.
41 Location
43 Horizontally
44 Do Scorsese's job
46 "Vertigo" or "Titanic"
47 Cabbage dish
48 Vicar of Christ
49 __ a test; passed easily
50 Treadmill meter unit
52 Minstrel's item
53 Debit column entry
55 31-day period: abbr.
56 AAA service
57 Second person



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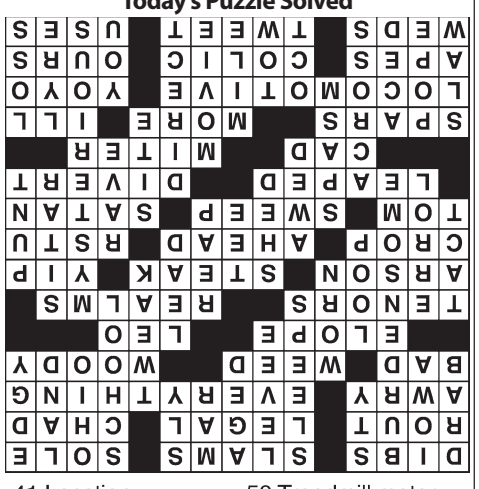

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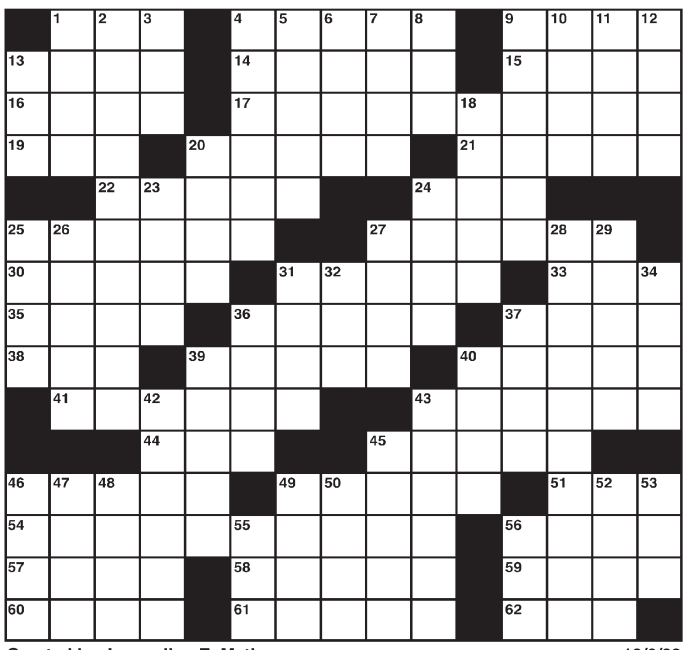
ACROSS
1 Once __ blue moon
4 In no time __; instantly
9 Promise's partner, in phrase
13 Montana & others
14 Appreciate; cherish
15 Flow out slowly
16 Reason to scratch
17 High-speed road
19 "Casey at the __"
20 Get up
21 Gets closer to
22 Out of kilter
24 That woman
25 Lombard or King
27 Complete failure
30 "Bye, Juan!"
31 Part of the face
33 Ho-__; boring
35 Gale
36 Closes
37 See 39 Down
38 "We're off to __ the Wizard…"
39 African nation
40 Blockhead
41 Loan shark
43 Betray nervousness
44 Actor Knight
45 Mumbai money
46 Michelle or Malia
49 Total amount
51 So. state
54 Tedious
56 With head on pillow
57 Hostels
58 Erroneous
59 Clothed
60 Dry run
61 Rough woolen fabric
62 Part of a royal flush

DOWN
1 Tiny bit
2 Smooth-skinned peaches
3 __-blond; hair color
4 Reluctant
5 Hired vehicles
6 Innsbruck's surroundings
7 Tackle box item
8 Common Korean surname
9 Ne'er-do-wells
10 Dubuque's state
11 Ivan the Terrible, e.g.
12 Singer Alicia
13 Triangular sail
18 One not to be trusted
20 Coughs & has a fever
23 Disposition
24 Rushes
25 Bird sounds
26 Parting word
27 Greek cheese
28 Fluctuating
29 Pound division
31 Blacken
32 Ancient barbarian
34 "__ Me in St. Louis"
36 Molt
37 City fellow on a ranch
39 With 37 Across, tall dog
40 Hors d'oeuvres table bowlfuls
42 Maximum
43 Nitpicked
45 Awaken
46 Fail to mention
47 Scapula or sacrum
48 Landers & Curry
49 Chew, like a dog does a bone
50 Film part
52 Slender
53 Recipe verb
55 Many a time
56 __ like; pretend to be



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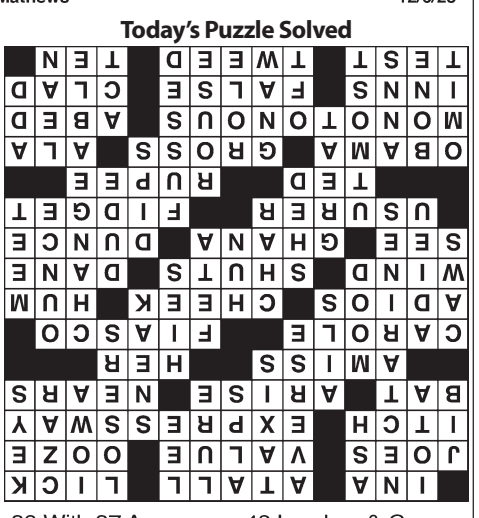

Yoga friendship is out of alignment

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I made friends with "Bruce" at a yoga class about 10 years ago.

We'd meet for classes and then grab dinner. I moved away about a year into the friendship, and we lost touch. Just before the pandemic, Bruce was visiting the city where I lived and looked me up.

We grabbed dinner and he told me he had no close friends (his previous friends had ghosted him) and that he had considered suicide.

I told him to get in touch any time and that he was welcome to visit. I also told him to seek help.

He took me up on the offer and started visiting every two or three months (including on Christmas and for his birthday) — and stayed for two or three days each time. We didn't have much to talk about. Bruce was fussy and demanding. Frankly, I hated the visits, but I felt responsible.

He also complained nonstop about his family and coworkers. It sounded like he'd also complained to them about me.

Now I've moved back to the city where Bruce still lives. He's made more friends, is closer to his family, has a girlfriend and seems well. When I meet him now, though, he still complains nonstop about everyone in his life, reporting petty slights and missteps — and I just nod and listen. How can I end this friendship?

Do I owe it to him to remain in the friendship since he confided in me about his depression?

I'm wondering whether just pulling away (being busy when he wants to meet) is kinder than telling him the reasons.

Your advice?

— Downward Facing Friend

Dear Downward: You seem to have been an extremely compassionate and patient friend to "Bruce" when he needed you — or seemed to need you.

You seem also to have never placed any boundaries around your relationship with him. You took his mentioning the possibility of depression and suicide as a cry for help, and you did your very best to help him through a dark time in his life.

However, you don't report that you are a clinician or mental health professional; this is an extremely heavy burden for a friend to carry.

You don't say whether he ever received professional help, but Bruce may have used the opportunities to vent and temporarily relieve his own anxieties with you as a reason to avoid getting other help.

Because of the combination of Bruce's manipulations and your challenges creating boundaries, I do suggest a slow backing away. Yes, be busy. If he confronts or pushes you, congratulate him on creating a healthier and happier life. Encourage him to continue.

Friend wants bestie to leave boyfriend

AMY DICKINSON
ASK AMY

Dear Amy: I hate my best friend's boyfriend.

I met my "Shari" in high school. We have been inseparable ever since. Back then, she was outgoing, radiated confidence, was down to earth and nothing ever bothered her. Since she began her relationship with "Stephan," she is a completely different person.

She is unsure of herself, has no confidence and she now has frequent anxiety attacks. I attribute all of this to Stephan. She complains about him a lot.

When I first met him, I was in his corner, but the more I hung out with him, the more red flags I saw. He isn't motivated, has no goals and is an alcoholic. Shari also noticed all of these things. Stephan got so drunk the night before my wedding that he forgot to drop off the liquor and food at the venue for the next day. At the wedding, he got drunk and left right after dinner. Later, Shari went to the hotel room she paid for and found that she wasn't able to get in.

Stephan had put the security lock on the door so not even the hotel staff could access the room for her.

Shari stayed with me and my new husband the night of our wedding. She was upset and embarrassed.

Stephan has still not apologized to us for his actions, and I have not seen him since. I want her to leave him. Our other friends don't understand why I am still friends with her after everything he has done.

I don't want to lose her as a friend. She's not responsible for his actions. I'm also terrified that she will marry him.

Amy, should I just give up on my relationship with her?

How can I convince her that she needs to leave this relationship?

— Struggling Friend

Dear Struggling: You may not be able to convince your friend of anything at all. The power for you will rest on your willingness to stay close with a dear friend who seems to be in an abusive and depleting relationship. Maintaining this friendship might be very frustrating for you at times, but expressing your hatred of her boyfriend might actually cause her to defend her choices, nudge her toward him and isolate her even more.

Instead, you should tell her that you want the very best for her, and that you know in your bones that she deserves to be treated well by someone who respects her.

You might also urge her to attend a "friends and family" program like Al-anon. Communicating with other people who are entwined with addicts could help her to find her footing.

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ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — People can feel vulnerable when they decide to share their soul. Your sincerity and honesty could help people see your trustworthiness and allow them to feel secure. You might receive applause or attention.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — This could be a favorable time to ask for advice or think plans through while you may have the vision to understand potential results. A heart-to-heart talk can give you many things to consider or help restore faith in your choices.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It could soon be the time to make a firm commitment. Consider teaming up with a partner or friend to enjoy mutual benefits. Creative ideas may blossom and when followed through might bear worthwhile fruit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Whether you are setting up a holiday event, making business commitments or organizing projects, be sure to share any rewards with the other people involved. Spreading the benefits to the team can help bolster goodwill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Now may be the time to get going while the going is good. Impulsive acts of kindness could make you someone's hero. You can hit the target if you launch a plan that might depend on popularity or public acceptance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Knowledge is power. You might need to dig up some valuable advice from others. You could make headway by remaining tolerant of other beliefs and being willing to find mutually beneficial compromises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Do your best to keep your loved ones informed on changes in plans so they can keep their calendars updated. This could be an excellent time to share your innermost desires with someone or fulfill the promises you made.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — People may be in the mood to pull together so it does not need to be all work and no play for you right now; fun and camaraderie should be on tap. You might rely on spontaneous purchases to fulfill your gifting needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Even a casual encounter could spark some delightful creative ideas that can draw a family unit together. You might receive more compliments than usual, but it may be up to you to respond with grace.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may need to trust in someone to provide good advice. You could be the embodiment of discretion if confidentiality is needed. This can be an excellent time to plan a get together or make plans for holiday celebrations.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You might not have time to stop and smell the roses, but you could admire someone else's bouquet. There can be plenty of ways to share a friend's enthusiasm without losing sight of your own priorities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Your ability to focus on the essential and crucial details could impress the boss and help further your accomplishments to satisfy your need to finish more tasks. Do your best to make wise changes or purchases.

ASTROLOGY

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The commitments you make or changes you implement could help stabilize your career or enhance your reputation for trustworthiness. Behind the scenes you may work harder than usual but the payoff can be worth it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Business could be booming, or your astute financial tactics may pay off, adding to your optimism and confidence. A happier and more secure future may depend on the wise decisions that you make in the present.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You might feel a little out of place in a group gathering where you may not always feel like you have a voice, but you could have plenty of support and love elsewhere. Trust in your partner, close friends or loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — The contacts you make or conditions you encounter may allow you to use a cache of experiences wisely. You can function as a neutral party in a dispute. Differences in age, beliefs or ideals may not matter now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your time might be spent on a job or a project even if your heart would prefer to be on a romantic excursion or trip with friends. You can give a loved one a helpful push in the right direction by sharing your expertise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You may be wise enough to identify the risks of overextending yourself financially just to satisfy emotional needs. Do your best to achieve a compromise over policies without ruffling the feathers of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — With holidays just around the corner there may be much to do, and you could be just the person to do it. Don't let too many obligations cause you to over-commit, but you will bolster self-confidence by completing tasks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Treat every person as a friend and you could end up on the right side of possible controversies. Manage your financial obligations with grace rather than resentment, and you may find it easier to produce a profit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Romantic yearnings could be triggered by a chance meeting or during an impulsive outing. You can make wiser choices during a shopping trip, especially if an entertaining and trusted friend accompanies you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Thinking smarter and working harder can help you achieve your goals faster. You may intuitively know what loved ones want and could exercise a talent for delighting them with the most appropriate gifts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — The spirit of the season could persuade you to shift your attention to spending your money where it can do the most good. Your inner contemplations might become more centered on your value systems right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Romantic relationships or close friendships are different from jobs with set hours and predictable paychecks. You may be asked to contribute your time or take responsibility for upcoming seasonal events in your community.

Unbeaten Florida State snubbed in CFP

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
AP COLLEGE FOOTBALL WRITER

The final season of the four-team College Football Playoff turned out to be the most controversial with an unprecedented snub.

Michigan, Washington, Texas and Alabama were selected Sunday and Florida State became the first unbeaten Power Five conference champion to be excluded from the field.

Michigan will face Alabama in the Rose Bowl, Washington will play Texas in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1 and the winners will meet for the national championship Jan. 8 in Houston.

Before the CFP grows to 12 next year — an expansion that was delayed by a year because of infighting among the conference commissioners who manage the postseason system — the selection committee faced the toughest decision in the 10-year history of the format.

"Florida State is a different team than they were through the first 11 weeks," explained Boo Corrigan, the selection committee chairman who is also the athletic director at North Carolina State, Florida State's Atlantic Coast Conference rival.

The Seminoles (13-0) lost star quarterback Jordan Travis to a season-ending injury two weeks ago, but continued to win with a backup and then a third-string quarterback. The committee, though, is instructed to judge teams for what they are heading into the playoff and decided FSU without Travis is not among the best four in the country.

"I am disgusted and infuriated with the committee's decision today to have what was earned on the field taken away because a small group of people decided they knew better than the results of the games. What is the point of playing games?" Florida State coach Mike Norvell said.

He added: "What happened today goes against everything that is true and right in college football. A team that overcame tremendous adversity and found a way to win doing whatever it took on the field was cheated today. It's a sad day for college football."

Travis is a sixth-year player whose development into one of the best quarterbacks in college football has fueled Florida State's resurgence over the last three years.

"Devastated. heartbroken," Travis posted on the social media platform X. "I wish my leg broke earlier in the season so y'all could see this team is much more than the quarterback. I thought results matter. 13-0 and this roster matches up across any team in those top 4 rankings. I am so sorry."

Whichever team was left out had a good argument to get in. That created unprecedented controversy and the committee passed over FSU to pick Alabama, which upset Georgia to win the Southeastern Conference championship, and Big 12 champion Texas, which beat the Crimson Tide on the road in September.

The SEC had never missed the playoff. Alabama, which is in for the eighth time, kept that streak alive. The Crimson Tide have won the playoff three times, most recently in 2020.

Texas would have been just the second Power Five conference champion with only one loss to be left out. Instead, the Longhorns will be making their first appearance in the CFP in their last season as a member of the Big 12. Texas moves to the SEC next year.

Texas and Alabama were ranked seventh and eighth, respectively, in the committee's penultimate rankings and are now the first teams to jump from outside the top six in the second-to-last rankings into the playoff field. Georgia became the first team to enter championship weekend No. 1 and fail to make the field.

"We've never had a year with eight teams at the top as good as these are. And the five conference champions (ranked) one through five, we've never had it come out that way," CFP executive director Bill Hancock said. "My feeling is it probably was the toughest (decision ever for the committee)."

Big Ten champion Michigan is making its third straight appearance in the CFP, still looking for its first playoff victory. The Wolverines, who have stayed unbeaten amid an NCAA investigation into allegations of in-person scouting and sign-stealing, are the favorites to win the national title, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Michigan, looking for its first national title since 1997, opened as a 1.5–point favorite against Alabama. The Tide have won six national titles under coach Nick Saban.

"We're not going to go in there saying, 'Oh, this is Alabama, a team that's won and won and won and won and won. No. We're that team," Michigan running back Blake Corum told reporters.

Washington is in the CFP for the second time, breaking the Pac-12's playoff drought after six years, and doing so the year before it leaves the conference for the Big Ten. The Huskies opened as a 4 1/2-point underdog to Texas and former Washington coach Steve Sarkisian. The two played last season in the Alamo Bowl and Washington won.

Georgia's slim hopes of trying for a third consecutive national title also came to an end. The Bulldogs (12-1) had a 29-game winning streak snapped by the Crimson Tide, but leaving them out of the CFP didn't seem nearly as controversial as snubbing the Seminoles — even in a system ripe for criticism.

In 2014, Ohio State, playing with its third-string quarterback, vaulted over Baylor and TCU and into the playoff with a Big Ten title game blowout of Wisconsin. The Big 12 teams still haven't gotten over it, but the Buckeyes went on to win it all. Ohio State has been on the short end a couple of times, too, winning the Big Ten in 2017 and '18 and not getting in. But this year, the committee faced a truly vexing problem.

Florida State, which was No. 4 in the previous CFP rankings, appeared to be on the way to its second playoff appearance in mid-November when Travis suffered a serious injury in the first quarter against North Alabama and was lost for the year.

The Seminoles beat rival Florida last week with backup quarterback Tate Rodemaker, who then missed the ACC championship game against Louisville with a concussion. Florida State stayed unbeaten with a strong defensive performance, but scored only one touchdown.

"To eliminate them from a chance to compete for a national championship is an unwarranted injustice that shows complete disregard and disrespect for their performance and accomplishments. It is unforgivable," Florida State athletic director Michael Alford said.

Buie leads Northwestern over No. 1 Purdue

BY JAY COHEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

EVANSTON, Ill. — Boo Buie just kept going as Northwestern battled No. 1 Purdue deep into Friday night. He made big play after big play throughout a tight second half and overtime.

At the very end of another tiring duel with Zach Edey, the fifth-year guard was the last man standing — again.

Buie scored seven of his 31 points in OT to help the Wildcats beat Edey and the top-ranked Boilermakers for the second straight season, winning 92-88 in the Big Ten opener for each school.

"I think we just did a really good job of just moving the ball offensively," Buie said. "Guys were stepping up, making shots, and so that was opening the floor for me."

Buie had nine assists, two steals and no turnovers while playing a game-high 43 minutes, rallying Northwestern from an eight-point halftime deficit. Ty Berry also scored seven points in OT and finished with 21, and Ryan Langborg added 20.

"Boo was just sensational," Northwestern coach Chris Collins said. "Forget about the 31 points, but nine assists and no turnovers. ... To me, as good a performance as he's had, and any Northwestern player's had."

The Wildcats (6-1, 1-0) became the seventh program since 2010-11 to beat a team ranked No. 1 in the AP poll in consecutive seasons. They also topped the Boilermakers 64-58 on Feb. 12 at home for their first win against a No. 1 team.

Edey had 35 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots, but Purdue (7-1, 0-1) had trouble with Northwestern's guards all night. The Boilermakers enjoyed a 52-27 rebounding edge and went 31 for 41 at the foul line, but they committed 17 turnovers compared to three for the Wildcats.

Moments after the final seconds ticked off, Edey & Co. trudged off the floor as fans stormed the court at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

"What it comes down to is our inability to guard and then they got some open looks and knocked them down and we didn't," Purdue coach Matt Painter said.

Northwestern went ahead to stay on Berry's two foul shots with 2:09 left in overtime. Blake Preston forced a key turnover by stepping in front of Edey, and Buie and Berry each made two free throws in the final seconds to help close it out.

Fletcher Loyer scored 17 points for Purdue, and Braden Smith had 12 points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

"Eighty-eight points is enough to win the game," Painter said. "You've got to be able to guard."

Buie got Northwestern back in the game after an uneven start. He converted two three-point plays and made a turnaround jumper during an 8-1 run that lifted the Wildcats to a 48-47 lead with 14:54 to go.

That set up a tight, back-and-forth finish to regulation with neither team leading by more than three. Northwestern grabbed a 69-66 advantage on Luke Hunger's tie-breaking 3 with 4:43 remaining, but Edey made two foul shots to tie it again at 70 with 3:52 to go.

Buie gave the Wildcats a 76-74 lead with a floater in the lane with 3.9 seconds left, but the 7-foot-4 Edey sent the game to OT when he grabbed Camden Heide's well-placed lob and scored inside in the final seconds.

"That game ranks right up there with, in terms of just the highest-level game that I've ever been a part of," Collins said. "You just had two really good teams kind of throwing haymakers, and both teams kept responding."

UNC-Wilmington stuns No. 12 Kentucky

BY KEITH TAYLOR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Trazarien White scored a career-high 27 points to lead UNC-Wilmington to an 80-73 victory over No. 12 Kentucky on Saturday.

The Seahawks (6-2) built a 14-point lead in the first half, leading 41-33 at the break. UNC-Wilmington held off a second-half rally by the Wildcats, who were up 55-49 with 12:51 remaining.

White scored 18 of the last 31 points. It was the first road win against a ranked opponent in school history and the biggest for the program since defeating Southern California in the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

"This is a big-time win for us and a confidence booster," White said. "We will celebrate a little bit, get back to our process, because we don't want to revert back to before now we're on the high road."

Donovan Newby scored 15 points, Shykeim Phillips added 13 and KJ Jenkins had 11 for UNC-Wilmington in the first meeting between the two schools.

UNC-Wilmington coach Takayo Siddle played on a Gardner-Webb team that defeated then-No. 20 Kentucky 84-68 on Nov. 20, 2007. He defeated the Wildcats as a coach the first time he faced them.

Siddle mentioned the win "briefly" to his squad, but wanted his team to focus on the task at hand.

"It was so long ago, but my message was believe. Anything can happen and little Gardner-Webb came in here back in 2007 and we had the same outcome," he said. "I think they understood the message I was trying to get across to them."

Kentucky, one of he top-scoring teams in the nation, was held 20 points below its scoring average. The Wildcats (6-2) were averaging 94.4 points per game coming into the contest.

"They deserved to win the game and they did," Kentucky coach John Calipari said. "I would have liked to have tried to steal the game from them, but they deserved to win it. They played well."

Reed Sheppard led Kentucky with 25 points. Kentucky leading scorer Antonio Reeves scored 14 points before he fouled out with 2:56 remaining. Justin Edwards and Tre Mitchell scored 11 points each for the Wildcats.

Kentucky's 7-foot-1 freshman center Aaron Bradshaw made his debut after missing the first seven games because of an injured foot. Bradshaw scored three points in his first outing with the Wildcats.

Kentucky was without point guard D.J. Wagner, who injured his ankle on Tuesday's win over the Hurricanes.

CONNECTIONS

Calipari began his playing career at UNC-Wilmington and played for the Seahawks for two seasons before transferring to Clarion.

BIG PICTURE

UNC-Wilmington: The Seahawks played their last five games away from home, including two contests in the Fort Myers Tip-Off, but will get an eight-day break. After hosting Montreat on Dec. 10, UNC-Wilmington will play five more on the road, including a game at Arkansas on Dec. 30.

Kentucky: The Wildcats play their next three games on the road, including two at neutral sites. The Wildcats committed 14 turnovers against the Seahawks and made a season-low five 3-pointers.

NEXT UP

Kentucky plays Penn at Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia on Saturday.

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SS:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-EU-000084
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. PETERS, a/k/a MARY PETERS, Deceased
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY C. PETERS, a/k/a MARY PETERS, DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-EU-000084
NOTICE IS HEREBY given that BARBRA A. FUNK was, on the 17th day of November, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of MARY C. PETERS, a/k/a MARY PETERS, who died on May 14, 2023.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
DATED at Madison, Indiana, this 17th day of November, 2023.
TABATHA EBLEN, Clerk
Jefferson Circuit Court
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STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
ss:
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2311-GU-000068
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF MARLEY N. SPEER, Adult.
BRANDY N. SPEER and PATRICIA A. SPEER, Petitioners.

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CO-GUARDIANS OVER PERSON AND ESTATE OF ALLEGED INCAPACITATED PERSON AND HEARING THEREON

TO: John Hamilton
Whereabouts Unknown
John Hamilton, father of Marley N. Speer, is hereby notified that a Petition for the Appointment of Co-Guardians Over Person and Estate of Alleged Incapacitated Person was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court, Madison, Indiana, 47250, whereby Brandy N. Speer and Patricia A. Speer are requesting that they be appointed Co-Guardians over the person and estate of Marley N. Speer.
If John Hamilton wishes to contest said petition, he must appear before the above named court at a hearing on the 24th day of January, 2024at 9:00a.m.
in the Jefferson Circuit Court, 300 East Main Street, Madison, Indiana.
If John Hamilton does not appear at said above hearing, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for the Appointment of Co-Guardians Over Person and Estate of Alleged Incapacitated Person in his absence and may grant the relief requested in the petition.
39C01-2311-GU-000068
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 14th day of November, 2023.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
TABATHA EBLEN
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LEGAL

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2207-MF-000502 wherein U.S. Bank National Association was Plaintiff, and The Unknown Heirs at Law of Amanda R. Huttsell, deceased a/k/a Amanda R. McCoy and Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 25th day of January, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 317 South Walnut Street, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jefferson County, Indiana.
The following described real estate located in Jefferson County, Indiana, to-wit: Tract I: A part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 952 feet South of the Northeast corner of the said Southeast Quarter and on the quarter section line; thence North 150 feet; thence due West 290 feet; thence due South 150 feet; thence East 290 feet to the place of beginning. Containing one acre, more or less. EXCEPTING THEREFROM the following described real estate, to wit: Being a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, Lancaster Township, Jefferson County, Indiana, and described as follows: Commencing in the center of County Road 700 West at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, marked by a 1/2" rebar; thence South 0°22'00" west, 802.00 feet to a R.R. spike and THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 0°22'00" West, 114.83 feet to a R.R. spike; thence North 47°11'04" West, 170.14 feet to a R.R. spike; thence South 89°39'00" East, 125.54 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.165, more or less. (For this exception see Deed Record 174, Page 1475, in the Recorder's Office of Jefferson County, Indiana.)
Under such Deed, grantors, Charles D. Vance and Linda Carroll Vance, reserved unto themselves and their successors a perpetual easement for the purposes of ingress and egress across the existing gravel drive to provide accessibility to the land lying to the West of said gravel drive. Tract II: Also a part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 4, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the center line of County Road 700 W at the Southeast corner of Section 4, being marked by a R.R. spike; thence N 0°22'35" E, 655.73 feet to a railroad spike; thence N 0°22'00" E, 1033.93 feet to a railroad spike and the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence N 87°59'27" W, 290.12 feet to a 1/2" rebar, thence N 0°22'00" E, 10.77 feet to a point; thence S 89°38'00" E, 290.00 feet to a point; thence S 0°22'00" W, 19.09 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Containing 0.099 acres, more or less.
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Pacers put on historic shooting show in win over Heat

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

MIAMI — Let's put what the Indiana Pacers did on Saturday night in perspective. They missed 15 shots in the first quarter, then 14 shots in the next three quarters combined.

Oh, and without their best player.

Add it all up, and the NBA's highest-scoring team just put on a dazzling offensive show — the best-shooting show ever against the Miami Heat. Bruce Brown scored 30 points, Obi Toppin added 22 and the Pacers shook off the absence of leading scorer Tyrese Haliburton to beat the Heat 144-129.

"The start wasn't awesome," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "But the fight was there from start to finish."

The Pacers missed their first shot of the second quarter and were shooting 36% — 9 for 25 — at that point.

They shot an absurd 78% — 47 for 60 — the rest of the way.

The Pacers finished at 66%, the second-best rate in franchise history. They shot 67% against Minnesota on Oct. 24, 2017. And it was the best percentage ever shot against a Heat team; the Los Angeles Lakers shot 64% against Miami on Nov. 23, 1988.

"You have to credit Indiana," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "You took out their best player, the guy that drives this offense, and they didn't slow down one bit."

T.J. McConnell shot 10 for 11 and finished with 20 points and 11 assists off the bench for Indiana, and Aaron Nesmith also had 20 points for the Pacers.

Jimmy Butler scored 33 points for Miami, which got 18 from Caleb Martin. The 273 points in the two games against the Pacers — Miami won 142-132 on Thursday — were the most ever by Miami in a two-game span.

The Heat went 1-1 in those games, even with the Pacers playing without Haliburton — who had 44 points in Thursday's game.

Haliburton was dealing with right knee soreness and what the team said was an upper respiratory infection. Carlisle said it was the non-COVID illness, not the knee, that kept Haliburton out on Saturday. Haliburton missed one other game this season — and in that one, the Pacers lost 155-104 to Boston.

They get a second chance at Boston on Saturday in the In-Season Tournament quarterfinals.

"We were in this situation before in Boston when Ty was out and I only had two points," Brown said. "That's unacceptable. So, I took a challenge mentally to be better tonight."

Miami lost starting forward Haywood Highsmith after just three minutes because of back spasms — Martin started the second half in his place — and the Heat were again without All-Star center Bam Adebayo because of a bruised left hip.

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/s/ Andrew L Kraemer,
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No. 4 Florida State takes ACC title over No. 15 Louisville

BY STEVE REED
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Florida State coach Mike Norvell said the possibility of leaving his unbeaten Seminoles out of the College Football Playoff shouldn't even be discussed.

It almost certainly will be.

Florida State made things as difficult as possible on the CFP selection committee, using a dominant defensive performance to beat No. 15 Louisville 16-6 on Saturday night for the fourth-ranked Seminoles' first Atlantic Coast Conference championship since 2014.

The Seminoles moved to 13-0, but that wasn't enough to guarantee a spot in the four-team playoff after Alabama knocked off No. 1 Georgia for the Southeastern Conference championship and Texas, which beat Alabama this season, won the Big 12 title.

Florida State became the first Power Five team to go unbeaten, win its conference title and fail to make the playoffs.

Seminoles fans held up signs reading "Win and we're in!" But Florida State's offensive performance and unsettled quarterback situation created enough doubt about whether the Seminoles were one of the four best teams in the country at this point of the season.

The Seminoles started freshman third-stringer Brock Glenn at quarterback, and he finished 8 of 21 for 55 yards. Their offense gained just 3.4 yards per play.

"We just beat a top 15 team with a true freshman quarterback," Norvell said. "I don't care what people think. We win. We win. And if we get the opportunity to go play in the national semifinal it's going to be a challenge, but I believe in this team, I believe in what they can do and I believe in who they are."

Norvell got heated, pounding his fist on a table and saying, "You know what, they have showed up every single week and done it. So I don't really care what everybody else's opinions are. I know who I coach and I know they are going to go fight for everything they get. Whatever the next opportunity is, I promise you they're going to show up."

Lawrance Toafili ran for 118 yards and a touchdown for the Seminoles, who stuck to a conservative game plan with Glenn behind center.

Starting QB and Heisman Trophy candidate Jordan Travis is out for the season with a leg injury. Tate Rodemaker, Travis' backup, was sidelined with a concussion. In all likelihood, Rodemaker would be ready to play should Florida State make the playoff, but even he has only started two games.

The difference for the Seminoles in the ACC title game was their defense, which had a season-high seven sacks and a critical interception that kept Louisville out of the end zone. Florida State also had 14 tackles for loss and 10 pass breakups.

Trailing 10-6 in the fourth quarter, the Cardinals (10-3) had a chance to take the lead after they tackled Seminoles punter Alex Mastromanno before he could get the kick away.

Louisville took over at the Seminoles 11, but three plays later, Tatum Bethune picked off Jack Plummer's pass in the end zone.

Plummer finished 14 of 36 for 111 yards.

"We just couldn't convert," Louisville coach Jeff Brohm said, his team having lost two straight including a border rivalry with Kentucky a week earlier. "We chances to convert and we were not able to make those plays. Guys have to understand you have to make contested plays. ... We were not able to make those. And after that we really started to stink it up on offense in the fourth quarter."

After a 33-yard field goal by Ryan Fitzgerald put Florida State ahead 13-6 with 3:11 left, the Cardinals had one more shot.

But Braden Fiske sacked Plummer on a fourth down, giving the Seminoles the ball at the Louisville 20 with 2:35 remaining. Fitzgerald made it a two-possession game with his third field goal of the game from 40 yards.

Fiske finished with three sacks.

"They have been remarkable all year long and continue to get better," Norvell said of his defense. "We knew it was going to take a team effort and those guys were unbelievable."

The game was tied 3-3 in the third quarter when the Seminoles finally took the ball out of Glenn's hands, going to the wildcat formation with Toafili in the backfield. Toafili received the direct snap from center and raced around right end for a 73-yard gain and then scored from 2 yards out on the next play, from the same formation.

The Seminoles put the wildcat into their offensive game plan late this week, Norvell said.

Toafili was named MVP of the game.

"I feel like we go out there and play for each other and we are a close-knit team," Toafili said. "We haven't lost a game yet and we are proving our point (that we belong) and showing what we can do."

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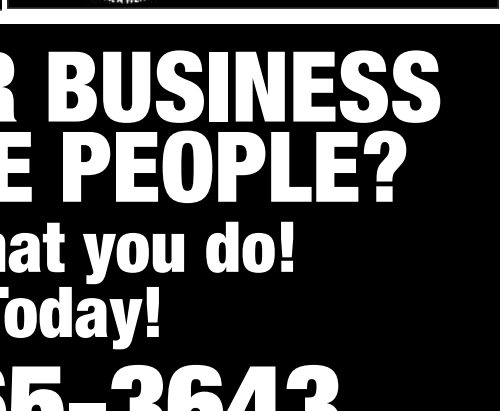

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